

Anno Chicesimo
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PN THE PARLYAMENT begon
at westm, the. xxviii. of Aprill, the. xxxi. yere
of the reygne of the moste excellent, moste hygh, and
mooste myghty pryncce **HENRY** the eyghte, by the
grace of GOD kynge of ENGLAND and of
FRAYNCE, defendour of the fapth, loyde of Ire-
lande, and in erthe vnder **CHRISTE** supream head of the churche
of Englande, our most redoubted soueraine loyde, ther holden & after
warde continued by dyuers prorogacions, vnto the. xii. day of Aprill
in the sayde yere. In the last session therof begon the same. xii. days
of Aprill, and from the same holden vnto the. xi. day of Maye,
in the. xxxii. yere of his maiesties moste prosperous reigne,
from the whiche it was by prorogacion continued vntyll
the. xv. of the same moneth of Maye, and holden
vntyll the. xxi. day of July, the sayd. xxxii.
yere: At the whiche day the sayd parliament
was by his graces auctoritie finished and
dissolued. Amonges manye other the
actes folowynge by his highnesse,
with thassent of the lordes spi-
rituall and temporall, and
the commons assembled
in the sayde parlia-
ment, haue bene
establisshed,
ordyned
and enacted.

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primer seisons. Cap. i.



HERE THE KYNGES MOST roys

all maiestee in all the tyme of his mooste gracious and no-
ble reigne hath ever ben mercifull lounge and beneuolent
and mooste gracious souerayne lord vnto all and singular
his lounge and obedient subiectes, & by many tymes paste
hath not onely shewed and imparted to them generally by
his many and often great and beneficiall pardons heretofore by auctori-
ties of his parlyamentes graunted, but also by ouers other wayes and
meanes many greatte and ample grauntes and benignities, in suche wyse
as all his sayde subiectes ben mooste bounden to the vttermoste of all theyr
powres and graces by them receyued of god, to render and gyue vnto his
maiestee, theyr most humble reuerence and obedient thanks and seruyces,
with their dayly and continual prayers to almyghty god for the continuall
preseruacion of his mooste royall estate, in mooste kyngly honour and pros-
peritee: yet all wayes his maiestee beyng replet and endowed by god with
grace goodnes and liberalitee, mooste tenderly consyderynge, that his sayde
obedient and lounge subiectes, can not vse or exercise them selues accor-
dyng to theyr estates degrees facultees and qualitees, or to beare them sel-
fes in suche wyse, as that they may conveniently hepe and maynteyne theyr
hospitalitees and families, nor the good educacions and byngyng by of
theyr lawfull generacions, whiche in this realme, laude be to god, is in all
partes very great and abundant, but that in maner of necessite, as by dayly
experience is manifested and knowen, they shall not be able of theyr pro-
per goodes cattails & other moueable substaunce to discharge theyr debtes,
and after theyr degrees set forth and aduance theyr chyldren and posteri-
ties. wherfore our sayde souerayne lord mooste vertuously consyderynge
the mortalytee that is to every persone at goddes wlll and pleasure mooste
common and vncertayne, of his mooste blessed disposicion and lyberalitee
being wyllynge to releue and helpe his sayde subiectes in their sayd necessi-
ties and debylitees, is contented and pleased, that it be ordeyned & enacted
by auctoritee of this present parlyamente in maner and forme as hereafter
foloweth, that is to saye, that all and every persone and persones, haun-
ge or whiche hereafter shall haue any manours landes tenementes or heredi-
tamentes holden in socage, or of the nature of socage tenoure, and not ha-
un-ge any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the
kyng our souerayne lord by knightes seruyce, or by socage tenure in chief,
or of the nature of socage tenure in chief, nor of any other persone or per-
sones by knightes seruyce, from the xx. day of July, in the yere of our lord
god. M. v. C. and forty, shall haue full and free libertee power and aucto-
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title to grue dispose wille and deuisse as wel by his laste wille and testament in wytyng oꝛ otherwyle by any acte oꝛ actes laufully executed in his lyfe, all his sayd manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes oꝛ any of them, at his free wille and pleasure, any lawe, statute oꝛ other thyng heretofore had made oꝛ vled to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And that all and enery person and persons, haupng manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes holden of the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires oꝛ successours in socage, oꝛ of the nature of socage tenure in chief, & haupng any other manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes holden of any other person oꝛ persons in socage, oꝛ of the nature of socage tenure, and not haupng any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes holden of the kyng our souerayne lord by knyghtes service, noꝛ of any other lord oꝛ persone by lyke service, from the .xx. daye of Julye, in the sayde yere of our lord god. M. v. C. and forthe, shall haue full and free lybertye power and auctoritee, to grue, wille, dispose and deuisse, as wel by his laste wille oꝛ testament in wytyng, oꝛ otherwyle by any acte oꝛ actes laufully executed in his lyfe, all his sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oꝛ any of them at his free wille and pleasure: any lawe statute customs oꝛ other thyng heretofore had made oꝛ vled to the contrary not withstandynge. Sauynge alway, and reserpyng to the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and successours all his ryghte title and interest of pyntee feason and celyfes, and also all other ryghtes and duectes for tenures in socage, oꝛ of the nature of socage tenure in chief, as heretofore hath bene vled and accustomed, the same manours, landes, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamentes, to be taken had and sued out of and from the handes of his hyghnes his heires and successours, by the person oꝛ persons, to whome any suche manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes shalbe disposed willed oꝛ deuised in suche and lyke maner and forme as hath ben vled by any hette oꝛ heires befoze the makynge of this estatute. And sauynge and reserpyng also fines for alienacions of suche manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, holden of the kyng our souerayne lord in socage, oꝛ of the nature of socage tenure in chief, wherof there shall be any alteration of freeholde oꝛ inheritance: made by wille oꝛ otherwyle as is aforesayde.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that al and singular persone and persones, haupng any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes of estate of inheritance, holden of the kynges hyghnes in chief by knyghtes service, oꝛ of the nature of knyghtes service in chief from the sayde twenty daye of Julye, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by his laste wille, by wytyng, oꝛ otherwyle, by any acte oꝛ actes laufully executed in his lyfe, to gyur, dispose, wille, oꝛ assygne two partes of the same manours, landes, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamentes, in thre parties to be deuided, oꝛ elles as muche of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamentes, as shall extende oꝛ amounte to the yerely valewe of two partes of the same, in thre partes to be deuided in certayntee, and by special

speciall divisions, as it maye be knowen in severalltee, to and for the advancement of his wyfe, preferment of his chyldren, and payement of his debtes, or otherwyle at his wylle and pleasure: any lawe, statute, custome or other thyng to the contrary thereof notwithstandinge. Sauynge and reseruyng to the kyng our soueraygne lord the custody wardeshyp and primer seison or any of them, as the case shall requyre, of as muche of the same manours landes tenementes or heredytamentes as shall amounte and extende to the full and clere yerely value of the thyrde parte thereof, without any diminucion, dower, fraude, coueyn, charge, or abydgement of any of the same thirde parte, or of the full profytes thereof. Sauynge also and reseruyng to the kyng our sayd soueraygne lord all fynes for alienacions of all suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, holden of the kyng by knyght seruyce in chiefe, whereof there shall be any alteration of freholde or inheritaunce, made by wylle or otherwyle, as is abovesayde.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that all and singular persone and persons, hauynge manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of estate of inheritance, holden of the kyng in chief by knyghtes seruyse, and hauynge other manours landes tenementes or heredytamentes holden of the kyng, or of any other persone or persones by knyghtes seruyce or other wyle, euery suche persone and persones, from the sayd xx. day of July, shall haue full power and auctoritee to gyue dispose wyl or assigne by his last wil, in wytyng or otherwyle by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, two partes of the same manours landes tenementes or heredytamentes, in thre partes to be deuyled, or els as much of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shall extende or amounte to the yerely value of two partes of the same, in thre partes to be deuyled in certainty, and by speciall diuisions, as it maye be knowen in severalltee, to and for the advancement of his wyfe, preferment of his chyldren, and payement of his debtes, or otherwyle at his wylle and pleasure: any lawe statute custome or other thyng to the contrary thereof notwithstandinge. Sauynge alway and reseruyng to the kyng our soueraygne lord, the custody wardeshyp and primer seison or any of them, as the case shall requyre, of as muche of the same manours, landes, tenementes, or other heredytamentes, as shall amounte and extende to the full and clere yerely value of the thyrde parte thereof, without any maner of diminucion dower fraude coueyn charge or subtraction of the same thyrde parte, or of the full profytes thereof.

Sauynge also and reseruyng to our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng all fynes for alienacion of any suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kyng by knyghtes seruyce in chiefe, whereof there shall be any alteration of freholde or inheritaunce, made by wylle or otherwise, as is abovesayde.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that if any pson or persons hold any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes onely of any other

lozde oꝝ persons, than of the kyng our sayde souerayne lozde by knyghtes service, & other landes and tenementes in socage, oꝝ of the nature of socage tenure, that than euery suche persone shall oꝝ maye gyue dispose oꝝ assure by his laste wyll oꝝ otherwysse by any acte oꝝ actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, two partes of the sayde manours landes and tenementes holden by knyghtes seruyce, oꝝ of as muche thereof as shall amount to the full perely value of two partes, in maner and fourme as is aboue declared: And also all the landes and tenementes holden by socage, oꝝ of the nature of socage tenure, at his wyll and pleasure, as is aboue written. **Saung** and reseruyng to the lozde of the landes and tenementes holden by knyghtes seruyce, foꝝ his custody and wardeshipp, as muche of the same landes and tenementes, as shall extende oꝝ amounte to the full and clere perely value of the thyrde parte of the same landes and tenementes holden by knyghtes seruyce without any diminucion dowre fraude couein charge oꝝ subtraction of any poꝝcion of that thyrde parte, oꝝ of the clere perely value thereof in maner and fourme aforesayde.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritee abouesayde, that if any persone oꝝ persons holde any manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes onely of the kyng our souerayne lozde by knyghtes seruyce, and not in chiefe, oꝝ holde any manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes of our sayde souerayne lozde by knyghtes seruyce, and not in chief, and also holde other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of any other persone oꝝ persons by knyghtes seruyce: and also holde other manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes of any other persone oꝝ persons in socage, oꝝ of the nature of socage tenure: that than all and euery suche persone and persons shall and may gyue dispose wyll deuyse and assure, by his last wyll oꝝ otherwysse, by any acte oꝝ actes lawfully done oꝝ executed in his lyfe, two partes of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, holden of our sayd souerayn lozde the kyng by knyghtes seruyce, and two partes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, holden of any other person oꝝ persons by knyghtes seruyce, oꝝ as muche of eyther of thepm, as shall amounte to the full perely value of two partes in maner and fourme as is aboue declared: and also of all his landes & tenementes so holden in socage, oꝝ of the nature of socage tenure, at his free wyll and pleasure.

Saung & reseruyng to the kynges hyghnes the custody and wardeshipp of as much of the same manours, landes, tenementes, oꝝ other hereditamentes, as shall extende and amounte to the full and clere perely value of the thyrde parte of the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes so holden of his hyghnes by knyghtes seruyce, without any diminucion dowre fraude couein charge oꝝ subtraction of any poꝝcion of that thyrde parte, oꝝ of the full pꝛofytes thereof. And also **saung** and reseruyng to the lozdes, of whom any of the sayd manours landes tenementes oꝝ other hereditamentes bene holden by knyghtes seruyce foꝝ custody & wardship, as much of the same manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes holden of them oꝝ any of them by

by knightes seruice, as shall extende and amount to the full and clere per-
 ly value of the thirde parte of the same, without any diminucion charge
 fraude concein or subtraction of any poztion of that thirde part, or of the clere
 perely value of the thirde parte thereof, in maner and forme aboue declared.
 ¶ **PROVIDED** alway and it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde
 that if that thirde parte of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamen-
 tes of any of the kynges subiectes, whiche in any of the cases abouesayde,
 shall hereafter come to the kynges hyghnesse, his heires or successours by
 vertue of this acte, as is abouesayde, be not or do not amounte to the clere
 perely value of the full thirde part of all the sayde manours landes tenemen-
 tes or other hereditamentes, whereof the kynges hyghnes is or shalbe intit-
 led to haue the custody or pryncer season, as is abouesayde: that than our said
 soueraine lord and his heires shall and may at his or theyr fre libertee and
 pleasure take into his or their handes and possession, as muche of the other
 two partes of the sayd manours landes tenementes and other hereditamen-
 tes, as with that of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamen-
 tes holden remainyng in the kynges handes, shal make by the clere perely
 value of the full thirde parte of the sayd manours landes and tenementes so
 to be had to the kynges hyghnes in title of wardeshipp and pryncer season,
 or any of them, as the case shall require, and lyke benefyte and aduantage
 to be gyuen to euerie lord and lordes, of whome any such manours landes
 tenementes or hereditamentes ben or shalbe holden by knightes seruice, as
 is abouesayd, concernyng onely his thirde part of or for title of wardeshipp.
 ¶ **PROVIDED** alwaye, and be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde,
 that euerie person and persones, shall seue theyr lyueres for posses-
 sions reuerlyons or remainders, and also paye relieves and heriettes after
 suche maner and fourme, as they shulde or ought to haue doone befoze the
 makinge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben made. And that fy-
 nes for alienacions shalbe payde in the kynges Chauncery, for and vpon
 wryttes of entree in the poste, to be obteyned in the same court of chaunce-
 ry, after the sayd. xx. daye of July, for common recoueries to be had or suf-
 fered of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the
 kyng in chiefe: in lyke maner and fourme as is vsed vpon alienacions of
 suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so holden in chiefe,
 by fyne or feoffement.

¶ **PROVIDED** also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that in
 suche cases, where fynes for alienacions shalbe payd in the kynges Chan-
 cery, for wryttes of entree in the poste, as is aforesayde, that then none other
 fyne shalbe payd in the same court for any suche wryttes: any vsage or cus-
 tome to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ **AND** be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that where two
 or more persones now holde, or hereafter shall holde any manours landes
 tenementes or hereditamentes of the kyng or souerayne lord by knight-
 es seruice, ioynctly to them and to the heires of one of them, and be that

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hath the inheritance thereof, dyeth his heyre beyng within age, that in every suche case the kynge shall haue the warde and marpage of the bodye of suche heyre so beyng within age, the lyfe of the freholder or freholders of the sayde manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes so holden by knyghtes serpce not withstandynge. Sauynge and reseruyng to all and every woman and women all and every suche ryght tytle and interest of dower, as they or any of theym owe to haue, or be or shall be iustly intitled to haue clayme or demaunde of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes by the lawes of this realme, to be taken and assigned vnto theym or any of theym, out of the two partes of the sayde manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes seuered and deuyded from the thyrde parte as is abouesayde, and not otherwyle. And sauynge also to the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heyres and successours, the reuerfions of all suche tenauntes in ioyntenure and dower, immediatly after the deathe of suche tenauntes, yf they shall happen to dye, durynge the mynoritee of the kynges wardes.

An acte for lymyttacion of p[re]scription. Cap. ii.



TOR SO MYCHE as the tyme of lymyttacion appoynted for shewynge of wyttes of ryghte, and other wyttes of possession and seison of mens auncestours or p[re]decessours, or of theyr owne possession or seison, by the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made lymitted and appoynted, extend and be of so farre and longe tyme past, that it is aboue the remembraunce of any luyng man, trewely to trye and knowe the perfecte certayntee of suche thynges, as hath or shall come in tryall, or done extend vnto the tyme and tymes lymitted by the sayde lawes and statutes, to the great daunger of mens conscience, that haue or shall be impanelled in any surtye, for the tryall of the same: and also it is a great occasion of much trouble vexacion and suites to the kynges lounge subiectes, of the common lawes of this realme, so that no man although he and his auncestours, and those, whose estate he or they haue, haue ben in peasable possession of a long seison, of and in landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, is or can be in any surtete quietnes or reste, of and in the same, without a good remedy and refozmacion be had made and p[ro]vided for the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temp[or]all, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that no maner of person nor persons shall from henceforth sue haue or maynteyn any wyte of ryght, or make any p[re]scription tytle or clayme of to or for any manours landes tenementes rentes annuities commons p[er]sons p[er]sones or bodies, or other hereditamentes of the possession of his or theyr auncestours or p[re]decessours, and declare and alledge any further seison or possession of his or theyr auncestours or p[re]decessours.

predecessour, but onely of the season or possession of his auncestors or predecessors, whiche hath ben, or now is, or shall be leased of the sayde manours landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities commons pensions portions corrodies or other hereditamentes, within thye scoze yeres nexte before the teste of the same writte, or next before the said prescription title or claime so hereafter to be sewed commensed brought made or had.

AND be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no maner of person nor persons shall hereafter sue have or maynteyne any assise of Morte aunceltoz, Cosinage, Ayle, writte of entree upon disseison done to any of his auncestors or predecessors, or any other action possessarie, upon the possession of any of his auncestours or predecessours, for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any further season or possession of his or theys auncestour or predecessor but onely of the season or possession of his or theys auncestour or predecessor, which was or hereafter shall be leased of the same manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, within fifty yeres nexte before the teste of the original of the same writte hereafter to be brought.

AND be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no persone nor persons shall hereafter sue have or maynteyne any action for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, of or upon his or theys own season or possession therein, above thirty yeres nexte before the teste of the original of the same writte hereafter to be brought.

AND be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no person nor persons shall hereafter make any avowry, or cognisaunce, for any rent suite or service, and alledge any season of any rente suite or service in the same avowry or cognisaunce in the possession of his or theys auncestors or predecessors or predecessours, or in his owne possession, or in the possession of any other, whose estate he shall pretende or claime to have, above fifty yeres next before the making of the sayd avowry or cognisaunce.

AND OVER that be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that al forme downes in reuerter, formedownes in remainder, and scire facias upon fyndes of any manours landes and tenementes or other hereditamentes at any tyme hereafter to be sued, shall be sewed vled and taken within fifty yeres next after the tyme and cause of action fallen, and at no tyme after the sayde fifty yeres passed.

AND be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if any person or persons at any tyme hereafter do sue any of the sayde actions or writtes for any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, or make any avowry complaunce prescription title or claime of or for any rente suite service or other hereditamentes, and can not proue, that he or theys, or his or theys auncestours or predecessours were in actual possession or season of and in the same manours landes tenementes rentes suites services annuities commons pensions portions corrodies or other hereditamentes at any tyme or tymes within the yeres before limited and appoynted in this present Acte

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acte and in maner and fourme as is aforesayd, if the same be trauesed by denyed by the partye playntiffe demandant or auowant, or by the partie tenant or defendant, that than and after suche repall therein had, all and euery suche persone and persones, and theyr heires, shall frome henceforth be betterly barren for ever of all and euery the sayde wryttes actions auowies conformance p[re]scription title and claime hereafter to be sued, had or made, of and for the same manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other the p[re]misses, or any parte of the same for the whiche the same action wrytte auowies conformance p[re]scription title or claime hereafter shall be at any tyme had or made.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all and euery person and persones, whiche nowe haue any of the sayde actions wryttes auowies conformance p[re]scription title or claime becomyng, or that hereafter shall be comynce make or byng any of the same wryttes or actions, or make any of the sayd auowies cognisaunces p[re]scription titles or clames, at any tyme before the feaste of the assencion of our lord god, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundredeth forty and fyve, shall alledge the season of his or theyr aunccestours or p[re]decessours, or his owne possession and season, and also haue all other like aduantage to all intentes and purposes in the same wryttes actions auowies conformance p[re]scriptions titles and clames, as he or they myght haue had at any tyme before the making of this estatute, this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Provided also and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any persone or persones, beyng now within the age of. xx. yeres, or couerte baron, or in prison, or out of this realme of Englande, now by anyng cause to haue sue comynce make or byng any of the sayde wryttes actions, or to make any auowies cognisaunces p[re]scription titles or clames, that it shall be lawfull to suche person and persones, beyng within age couert baron, in prison, or out of this realme, to sue comynce or byng any of the said wryttes or actions, or make any of the sayde auowies cognisaunces p[re]scriptions titles or clames at any tyme within fyve yeres next after suche person or persones now beyng within age, shall accomplishe the age of. xxi. yeres, or within fyve yeres next after such person or persones now beyng couert baron, shall be sole, or within fyve yeres next after suche person or persones now being in prison, shall be at his libertee, or within fyve yeres next after such person or persones now beyng out of this realme, shall come and be within this realme. And that euery such person and persones in the said actions wryttes auowies conformance p[re]scription titles or clames to be made sued or comynced with in the sayd fyve yeres, shall alledge within the sayd fyve yeres, the season of his or theyr aunccestours or p[re]decessours, or of his owne possession, or of the possession of those, whose estate he shall than claime: And also within the same fyve yeres shall haue all and euery lyke aduantages to all intentes and purposes in the same, as he or they myght

myght have had befoze the makynge of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene hadde ne made: This acte of any thyng therein contayned to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that if it happen the sayde persone or persones now beinge within age or covert baron, in prison or oute of this realme, havinge cause to sue commence make or bringe any the sayde writtes actions auowies cognisance prescription title or claime, to decessed within age, or beinge covert, as is aforesayde, or duringe the tyme he or they shall be in prison, or out of this realme, or to decessed within. vi. yerres nexte after suche persone or persones shall accomplishe his or their full age, or shall be at large within this realme, or shall become sole, and no determination or iudgemente had of suche titles actions or rightes to or to them hereafter that than the next heire or heires of suche person or persones beinge in prison or out of this realme, or within age, or beinge covert baron to decessed, shall have and enjoye all and everye such liberte and advantage, to sue demaunde auowe declare or make their sayde titles claimes or prescriptions within. vi. yerres nexte after the deathe of suche persone or persones, now imprisoned or beinge out of this realme, or within age, or covert be baron, in suche or lyke maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as the same infant after his full age, or the sayde woman covert after the deathe of his housband, or the same person beinge out of this realme, after his repayre or comynge into the same, or the sayde person imprisoned after his enlargement and comynge out of prison, shoulde or myght have had within. vi. yerres then nexte enslewynge by force and vertue of the prouision last befoze reherced, any thyng in this acte contayned to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that if any persone or persons, befoze the sayde feast of the assencion of our lord god, whiche shalbe in the sayd yere of our lord god, a thousande fyve hundredeth forty and fyve, commence and sue any of the sayd actions or writtes, or make any auowies prescription title or claime, and the same action writte auowies cognisance prescription title or claime happen by the deathe of any the parties to the same, to be abated befoze iudgement or determination thereof had, that then the sayde persone or persones beinge demaundantes or auowantes, or makynge any suche cognisance prescription title or claime beinge than on lyue, and if not, than the next heire or heires of suche persone or persones so decessed, may commence and pursue his or their action and suite and make his or their auowies cognisance prescription title or claime for or bypon the same matter within one yere nexte after suche action or suite abated, and shall have and enjoye all and everye such liberte and advantage, to sue demaund auowe declare or make their sayd titles claimes or prescriptions within the sayde one yere, as the demaundante or demaundantes in suche writte or suite abated, or as suche as byd auowe or make cognisance title claime or prescription, shoulde or myght have done had vled made or enjoyed in the sayde former action or suite, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

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PROVIDED furthermore, that if any false verdit happen hereafter to be gyven or made in any of the sayd actions suites and owties prescriptions tytles or claymes, that than the partie greued by reason of the same, shall and may haue his attaint vpon every such verdit so gyven or made, and the plaintife in the same attaint vpon iudgment for hym gyven, shall haue his recovery execution and other aduantage in lyke maner & fourme as here before hath ben vsed and accustomed, any thyng befoze in this act conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

In acte for the continuacion of certayn actes. Cap. iii.



WHERE IN THE laste parlyament begunne and holden at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the kynges most graciouse reygne, and from thense adiourned to Westm, and there holden and continued by sundry pzoogacions, It was enacted amonges other thinges, that all foryejn pleas triable by the countrey, which shuld be pleaded by any person or persons, arrayned vpon any inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shuld be tried befoze the same Justices, afoze whom suche persone shuld be arrayned, and by the same iurozs of the county, that shall trye the pety treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delay. And that no person or persons arrayned for any pety treason murder or felony, shuld be admitted to any peremtozy chalenge, aboue the number of. xx. whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parlyament, as by the sayd act amonges diuers causes and pzoouisions contayned in the same moze plainly is expressed. And where also in the same parlyament it was enacted, that no person or persons, whiche shulde happen to be found gilty, after the lawes of this realme, for any maner of pety treason, or for any wylfull murder of malice pzepered, or for robberyng of any churchis, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robberyng of any person or persons in their dwelling houses or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the sayd house, his wife, his chyldren, or seruantes than being within, and put in feare and dyede by the same, or for robberyng of any person or persons in or nere aboute the hygh wayes, or for wylfull burnyng of any dwelling houses or barnes wherein any coine or grayne shall happen to be: nor that any person or persons beyng found gilty of any abettement pzoouement helping mayntenyng or counsaylyng of or to any such pety treason murders or felonies, shuld be admitted to the benefite of their clergy, such as be within holy orders, that is to say, of the orders of subdiacon or aboue all only except, with many other clauses and pzoouisions conteyned in the sayd act, as by the same act moze plainly appereth, which act was also made to continue and endure to the last daye of the next parlyament. And where also in the same parlyament it was further enacted, that every suche person and persons, whiche shuld happen to be endited of any pety treason, wylfull burnyng of houses, murder,

murder, robbery, or burgularie, or other felony, according to the tenour and meaning of the sayde statute next above recited, and thereupon arraigned, byd stand muet of malice or steward in pnd, or challenge peremptory about the number of .xx. persons, or wll not answer directly to the same inditement and felony, whereupon they shall be arraigned, that than every such person and persons shuld lose the benefite and pviuilege of their clergy. And it was also ordeyned by the same acte, that if any person or persons be indited and found guilty for stealynge of any goodes or cattels, in any county of this realme, or beyng indited stand muet of malice, or challenge peremptory about the number of .xx. persones, or wll not answer directly to the lawe, shuld also lose the benefyte of their clergy, in lyke maner and forme as they shulde haue done, yf they had ben indited arraigned and founde guilty in the same county, where the same robbery or burgulary were done, yf it shal appere to the Justices by evidence or examination, that the said felons or robbers arraigned afore them, shulde or ought to haue loste their clergy by force of the sayd statute, in case they had be founde guilty of the same felonies or burgularies, in the same shire where they were commytted, as by the sayd act amonges other thynges moze at large is expressed. And where also in the sayd parlyament it was further ordeined that the detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankynd or beast, shulde be felonye, and that the offenders therein shoulde lose the pviuilege of their clergy, whiche acte was made to endure to the last daye of the next parlyament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges it appereth moze at large. And where also in the parlyament begonne and holden at westm the. viii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde most dread soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. viii. and there continued and kepte vntill the dissolution thereof: It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singular the sayde seuerall actes above remembred, and euerye of them, shulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente. And it was also ordeyned by the auctoritee of the same parlyament, that suche as be within holy orders, shulde from thense forth stande and be vnder the same paynes and daungers for the offences conteyned in any of the sayde statutes, and be vsed and ordered to all intents and purposes, as other personnes not beyng within holpe orders, any prouision or excepcon specified in any of the sayde actes, or any other blage or custome of this realme to the contrary thereof not withstandinge, as by the same actes amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appereth. And for as muche as all and singular the sayde seuerall actes above mencioned be good and beneficiall for the common welthe of this realme, Be it therfore enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritee of this present parlyamente, that all and singular the sayde seuerall actes, and euerye of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kept for euer.

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And be it also enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that suche persons as ben oꝝ shalbe within hely oꝝders, whiche by the lawes of this realme ought oꝝ may haue theyꝝ clergye foꝝ any felonyes, and shall be admytted to the same, shall be bzent in the hand in lyke maner and fourme as lay clerkes ben accustomed in such cases: and shall suffer and incurre afterwarde all suche peynes daungers and foꝝsaptures, as be oꝝdered & vbled foꝝ theyꝝ offences of felony, to all intentes purposes and constructions, as laye persons admytted to theyꝝ clergye, be oꝝ ought to be oꝝdered and vbled by the lawes and statutes of this realme, any statutes lawes pꝛouisions pꝛiuitleges customes, oꝝ any other thyng to the contrary therof heretofore vbled not withstandynge.

An acte foꝝ the tryall of treasons &c. in wales. &c. Cap. iiii.



Foꝝ the spedye tryall and punishment of suche persones as haue committed and done, oꝝ hereafter shall committe and perpetrate any maner of treasons oꝝ mysprisions of treasons within the pꝛincipalltee and dominion of wales, and marches of the same, oꝝ els where within any the kynges dominion, where his graces originall wyttes in his Chauncery of England commonly runneth not. Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament that all suche treasons and mysprisions of treasons as is aforesayde, shall be presented and tryed by the othes of twelue men inhabitynge, oꝝ which shall inhabite within any suche shypes, and before such commissioners as the kynges maiestee frome tyme to tyme in suche cases shall assigne and appointe by his commission oꝝ commissions of Wyꝝ and determyner in lyke maner and fourme, as yf suche treasons oꝝ mysprisions of treasons hadde ben done and committed within suche the sayd shypes, in to the whiche the sayde commissions of Wyꝝ and determyner shall be directed, as is aforesayde: And that all presentmentes tryals pꝛocesses iudgementes executions and foꝝsaptures hereafter made had oꝝ done by vertue of suche commissions, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe to all purposes and intentes any graunte custome oꝝ vsage heretofore made oꝝ vbled to the contrary not withstandynge.

And wherby alwaie, that tryalles of pꝛies of the realme concernynge treasons, shall be done and had as hertofore hath ben vbled and accustomed any thyng in this acte conteyned not withstandynge.

An act foꝝ contentacion of debtes vpon executions. Cap. v.



VHERE AS before this tyme dyuers and sundye persones haue sued executions as well vpon iudgementes foꝝ theym gyuen of their debtes oꝝ damages, as vpon such statutes warchaunte, statutes of the stapel, oꝝ recognisaunces, as haue ben to theym before made recognised and knoweleged, and there vpon suche landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as were lyable to the

to the same execucio, haue ben by reasonable extent to them deliuered in execution for the satisfaction of theyr sayd debtes and damages, accordyng to the lawes of this realme: Neuerthelesse it hath ben oft tymes sene, that suche landes tenementes and hereditamentes soo deliuered and hadde in execution, haue ben recouered or lawfully deuested taken awaye or euicted from the possession of the sayde recouerers obligees or recognisees, theyr executours or assignes befoze suche tyme as they haue ben fully satisfyed and payde of theyr sayd debtes and damages, without any maner fraude discepte couyne collusion or other defaulte in the sayde recouerers obligees or recognisees, theyr executours or assignes, by reason wherof the sayde recouerers obligees and recognisees haue ben thereby sette clerely without remedy by any maner suite of the lawe to recouer or come by any suche parte or parcell of theyr sayd debtes and damages, as was behynde, and not by them leuied or receyued befoze suche tyme as the sayde landes tenementes and other hereditamentes so by them hadde in execution, were recouered, lawfully deuested taken or euicted out of and from theyr possessions as is aforesayde to theyr greatte hurt and losse, and muche lempnyng to be agaynst equall iustyce and good conscience. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that if hereafter any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, as be or shall be hadde and deliuered to any persone or persons in execution as is aforesayde, vppon any iuste and lawfull tyle matter condicion or cause, wherewithall the sayd landes tenementes or hereditamentes were lyable tyed and bounde at suche tyme as they were deliuered and taken into execution, shall happen to be recouered, lawfully deuested taken or euicted out of and from the possession of any such person and persons as nowe haue & hold or hereafter shall haue and hold the same in execution as is aforesaid, wout any fraud deceit counyn collusion or other default of the sayd tenante or tenants by execution befoze such tyme as the sayd tenantes by execution, their executours or assignes shall haue fully & holly leuied or receyued the sayde hole debt & damages, for the which the said landis tenementes & other hereditamentes were deliuered & take in execucio, as is aforesaid: than euery such recouerer obligee & recognisee, shall and may haue and pursue a writ of Scire facias out of the same court, from whense the sayde former writ of execution byd procede, agaynst the suche person or persons, as the sayde writte of execution was fyrst pursued, theyr heyrres, executours, or assignes, of suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes as were or ben than liable or charged to the sayd execution, retournable into the same courte at a certayn day, being full forty days after the date of the same writte: At whiche day if the defendand being lawfully warned, make defaulte, or appere and do not shewe and pleade a sufficient matter or cause, other than the acceptaunce of the sayde landes tenementes and hereditamentes by the sayde former writ of execution, to barre auoyde or discharge the sayd sute for the resydue of the sayd debt and damages, remaininge vbleuied or vreceyued by the sayde former execution: than the

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lozde chancellour, oꝛ other ſuche Juſtice oꝛ Juſtices, befoze whome ſuche writte of ſcire facias ſhalbe returnable, ſhall make eſteſones a newe writte oꝛ writtes out of the ſayd foꝛmer recoꝛde of iudgement, ſtatute marchaunt, ſtatute ſtaple, oꝛ recogniſſance, of lyke nature and effect, as the ſayd foꝛmer writte of execution was foꝛ the leuieng of the reſidue of all ſuche debte and damage as then ſhall appere to be vlewied vnſatisfied oꝛ vnpayde of the hole ſumme oꝛ ſummes in the ſayde foꝛmer writte of execution conteyned: Any lawe cuſtome oꝛ other thyng to the contrary hereof heretofoze vſed in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

In acte foꝛ tryall of felonies vpon conueynge of hoꝛſes into Scotlande. Cap. vi.



VHERE at a parliament holden at Weſtm the .xv. day of January, in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of our moſt bꝛad ſoueraign loꝛd the kyng that now is, amenges other thinges it was enacted by thauctoꝛitee of the ſame parliament, that if any perſon oꝛ perſons, after the feaſt of ſaint Geoꝛge the martyꝛ than next enſuing, did ſell exchange oꝛ deliuer within the realme of Scotlande, oꝛ in any place oꝛ ground, called the batable ground betwene Englande & Scotland, to thoſe of any ſcotiſhe men, any hoꝛſe geldyng oꝛ mare, without lycence obtained of the kynges highnes, by his letters patētes vnder his gꝛeat ſeale ſo to do, oꝛ ſelle exchange oꝛ deliuer to any ſcotiſhman within this realme of England wales the town of Barwike oꝛ the marches of the ſame, oꝛ in any of the ſayde batable ground, to thentent to be conueyde into Scotland, any hoꝛſe geldyng oꝛ mare, without ſpeciall lycence obteyned of the kynges highnes by his letters patētes vnder his gꝛeat ſeale ſo to do: that thā the ſame ſale exchange oꝛ deliuerie of ſuch hoꝛſe geldyng oꝛ mare, contrary to the ſame preſent act, ſhuld be inged & demed by ꝑ law felony, as wel in the ſellers exchangers oꝛ deliuerers, as alſo in him oꝛ theym, to whome the ſame ſale exchange oꝛ deliuerie ſhalbe made. And that it ſhalbe leſul to the warden and wardens of the eaſt weſt and myddel marches foꝛ the tyme beinge in their warden courtes, as alſo the kynges Juſtices of his peace, in theyꝛ quarter ſeſſions, in euerye ſhyꝛe of the realme, to enqꝛie here and determyne all and euerye ſuche felonies, after lyke maner as is vſed in oꝛther felonies at the common lawe, whether the ſame ſales exchanges oꝛ deliueries be made hadde oꝛ done by any perſone oꝛ perſones contrary to the ſame acte in the Realme of Scotlande, oꝛ in anye parte of the ſayde batable groundes, oꝛ within the realme of Englande. And foꝛ that that the ſayde ſtatute is doutefull, whether the wardeyn oꝛ wardeyns of the ſayde marches haue auctoꝛitee by the woꝛdes compꝛiſed in the ſayde acte, to here and determyne the ſale exchange oꝛ deliuerie of any hoꝛſe, geldyng, oꝛ mare in Englande oꝛ Scotlande, to the vſe of any ſcotiſhman as felony: Therfoꝛe it is nowe enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne loꝛde, and the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and by the commons of this preſent parliament

ment assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that it shall be lawfull to the warden and wardens of the East West and myddell marches, for the tyme being, and euery of them, in theyr warden courtes, to here and determine all and euery suche felonious act or actes done and comitted within their limits by any persone or persones, in lyke maner as they do & haue vled to here & determine marche treasons, whether the same sales exchanges or deueneries be made had or done by any person or persons contrary to the sayd statute in the realme of Scotland, or in any parte of the habitable groundes.

¶ In acte for true payment of tythes and offeringes. Capit. viii.



Where dyuers and many persons inhabitynge in sundry countees and places of this realme, and other the kynges dominions, not regardynge their dueties to almyghty god, and to the king our souerain lord, but in few yerres past more contemptuously, and commonly, presumyng to offende, and infringe the good and holisom lawes of this realme, and gracious comandementes of our sayd souerayne lord, than in tymes past hath ben sene or knowen, haue not letted to subtracte and withdraue the lawfull and accustomed tythes of cornes, hay, pasturages, and other sort of tythes and oblacions commonly due to the owners proprietaries and possessours of the personages vicarages and other ecclesiasticall places, of and within the sayd realme and dominions, beinge the more incouraged thereunto for that that dyuers of the kynges subiectes being lay persons, havyng personages vicarages & tythes to them and to their herres, or to them and to their heires of theyr bodies lawfully begotten, or for terme of lyfe or yerres, can not by the order and course of the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme, seue in any ecclesiasticall courte for the wrongfull withholdynge and deteynyng of the sayd tythes or other duities, nor can not by the order of the common lawes of this realme haue any due remedy agens any persone or persones theyr heires or assignes, that wrongfully deteyneth or withholdeth the same, by occasion whereof muche controuersye, suite, variance, and discord is lyke to insurge and ensue amonge the kynges subiectes, to the greater detrimente, damage, and decaye of many of theym, yf conuenient and speedy remedy therfore be not had and prouyded.

¶ Wherefore it is ordeyned and enacted by our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled and by auctoritee of the same, that all and singular persons of this his sayde realme, and other his dominions, of what estate degree or condicion so euer be or they be, shall fullye truly & effectually deuyde set out yels or pay all and singular tythes & offeringes aforesayd, accordyng to the lawfull customes and vsages of the parishes & places, where suche tythes or duities shal growe arysse come or be due. And in case that shall happen any person or persons of his or their vngodly and peruerse wyll and mynde, to deteygne or withhold any of the sayde tythes

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tythes or offerpnyges or parte or parcell therof : than the persone or partee beynge ecclesiasticall or lay person, haupnge cause to demaunde or haue the sayd tythes or offerpnyges, beynge thereby wronged or greued, shall and may conuent the person or persons so offendynge, befoze the ordinarie, his commissarie or other competente mynyster or lefulle iudge of the place, where suche wronge shall be done, accoꝝdynge to the ecclesiasticall lawes. And in euery suche cause or matter of suite, the same ordinarie commissarye or other competent mynyster or lefull iudge, haupnge the partees or theyr laufulle pꝛocuratours befoze hym or theym, shall and maye by vertue of this acte pꝛocede to the examynacion hearynge and determy nacion of euerye suche cause or matter ordinarly or summarly, accoꝝdynge to the course and pꝛoces of the sayd ecclesiasticall lawes, and therebpon maye gyue sentence accoꝝdngely. And in case that any of the partees, for any cause or matter concernynge that suite, doo appeale frome the sentence orde and diffinitive iudgemente of the sayde ordinarie or other competente iudge, as is aforesayde: than the same iudge by vertue of this acte, forthewith vpon suche appellacion made, shall adiudge to the other partee the reasonable costes of his suite therein befoze expended, and shall compell the same partee appellaunte to satisfye and paye the same costes soo adiudged by compulsoꝝre pꝛocesse and censures or the sayde lawes ecclesiastycall, takynge suertye of the other partee, to whome suche costes shall be adiudged and payde, to restore the same costes to the partee appellante, if after the pꝛyncypall cause of that suite of appeale shall be adiudged ageynste the same partee, to whome the sayde costes shall be yelden : And soo euerye ordinarie or other competente iudge ecclesiasticall, by vertue of this acte shall adiudge costes to the other partee vpon euerye appeale to be made in any suite or cause of subtraction or detencion of any tythes or offerpnyges, or in any other suite to be made for or concernynge the dutee of suche tythes or offerpnyges.

And further be it enacted by the auctoꝝrtee aforesayde, that if any person or persones after suche sentence diffinitive giuen ageynste them, obstinately and wilfully refuse for to pay the tythes or dutees, or such summes of money soo adiudged, wherein they be condemned for the same : that than two Justices of the peace of the same shyre, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue auctoꝝrtee by this acte, vpon informacion certypicat or complainte to them made in wrytyng by the sayde ecclesiasticall iudge that gaue the same sentence, to cause the same party so refusynge, to be attached, and committed to the next gayle, and there to remayne withoute bayle or mayneyple, tylle he or they shall haue founde suffyciente suretyes, to be bounde by recognisaunce or other wyse befoze the same Justices, to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kynge, to perfoꝝme the sayd diffinitive sentence and iudgement.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoꝝrtee aforesayde, that no person or persons shalbe sued, or other wyse compelled to paye or paye any

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any maner of tythes, for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche by the lawes or statutes of this realme are discharged, or not chargeable with the payment of any suche tythes.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that this acte nor any thinge therein conteyned, shall in any wyse bynde thenhabitantes of the cytie of London and suburbes of the same, for to paye their tythes and offertynge within the same cytie and suburbes otherwyse then theye ought or shulde have done before the makinge of this acte: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

AND be it further enacted by thaurthoritee aforesayd, that in all cases, where any personne or personnes, whiche nowe have, or whiche hereafter shall have any estate of inherytaunce freeholde terme ryghte or intereste, of in or to any personage, vicarage, porcion, pencion, tythes, oblations, or other ecclesiasticall or spirituall profyte, whiche nowe be, or whiche hereafter shall be made tempozall, or admitted to be abyde and goe to or in tempozall handes and laye vles and profytes by the lawes or statutes of this realme, shall hereafter fortune to be disseised deforced wronged, or other wyse kepte or put frome theyr lawfull inheritaunce estate season possession occupation terme right or interest of in or to the same, or of in or to any parcell thereof by any other persone or persones, claymyng or pretending to have interest or tytyle in or to the same: that then in all and every suche case or cases the personne or personnes soo dysseised, deforced, or wrongefully kepte or putte frome his or theyr ryghte or possession, as is afoze rehearsed, theyr heyres wyfes and suche other, to whome suche iniury or wronge shall be done or committed, shall and maye have theyre remedye in the kynges tempozall courtes or other tempozall courtes, as the case shall requyre, for the recovery gettynge or opeptyng of suche inherytaunce estate freeholde season possession terme ryghte or interest, by wyttes originall of Prec. q reddat, All. of nouell disseyson, mortdanc. Quod ei deforciat, wyttes of dower, or other wyttes originall, as the case shall requyre, to be deuised & graunted in the kynges court of chancery, of every such personage vicarage porcion pension or other profit called ecclesiasticall or spirituall, so to be demanded accordyng to the nature and cause of the suite therof, in like maner and forme as they shuld ought or myght have had of or for landes tenementes or other hereditamentes in such maner to be demanded. And that wytes of covenant, and other wytes for synes to be leuyed, and all other assurances to be had made or conueyed of any suche personage vicarage porcion pension or other profyt called ecclesiasticall or spirituall, as is aforesayd, shalbe hereafter deuised and graunted in the sayd chancery, accordyng as hath ben vled for synes to be leuyed, & assurance to be had made or conueyed of landes tenementes or other hereditamentes. And shal iugementes to be giue vpon any of the said wyttes originall so to be deuised and graunted of or for any the premisses or any of them: and all fines to be leuyed and knowledged in any of the kynges sayd courtes therof, shall be of lyke force and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes

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intententes and purposes, as iudgements giuen and fines leuied of landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the same courtes vpon wryttes originall therfoze dewely pursued and p[ro]secuted, all be it no suche fourme of wryttes originall out of the sayde courte of Chauncerye haue heretofore p[ro]ceded o[re] ben awarded.

PROVIDED VLVAYES, that this laste acte shall not extende no[re] be expounded, to giue any remedye cause of action o[re] suite in the courtes tempo[ra]ll agaynst any personne o[re] personnes, whiche shall refuse o[re] denye to sette out his o[re] theyre tythes, o[re] whiche shall deteyne withholde o[re] refuse to pay his tythes o[re] offerynges, o[re] any parcell thereof: but that in all suche cases the personne o[re] partee, beyng ecclesiasticall o[re] laye personne, haupnge cause to demaunde o[re] to haue the sayde tythes o[re] offerynges, and therby wronged o[re] greued, shall take and haue theyr remedye for theyr sayde tythes o[re] offerynges, in every suche case in the spirituall courtes accordyng to the ordinaunce in the fyrst parte of this acte mencioned, and not otherwyle: Any thyng herin exp[re]ssed to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

An acte agaynst sellers and byers of fesautes and partryges. Cap. viii.



FOR THE INCREASE OF fesautes and partryches within this realme, and for the good pastyme of the kynges magestee, and his nobles and gentyll men in the same: Be it enacted by auctoritee of this p[re]sent parlyament, that no personne o[re] personnes after the fyrste dayes of September nexte comyng, shall selle o[re] by any fesaunte o[re] partriche vpon payne that euerye of the seller and byer shall lose and forsayte for euery fesaunte solde and bought contrary to this acte, vi. s. viii. d. And for euery partriche solde and bought contrary to this acte, iiii. s. iiii. d. The moytee of whiche forsayture to be to the kynges hyghnes, and the other moytee therof to such as wyl sue for the same by originall wrytte by plainte o[re] informacion: In whiche none esoyne p[ro]tection no[re] w[ra]nger of lawe shall be allowed no[re] admitted.

PROVIDED ALVAYE that euery personne and personnes maye selle fesautes and partriches to the officers and ministers of the honorable householde of the kynges, the quenes, the princes and of all the kynges chylderne: and that the same officers and mynisters of suche householdes, and euery of them, may lawefully bye fesautes and partriches to be spente in any of the sayde householdes, as they moughte befoze the makyng of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng. This acte to endure tyll the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

An act agaynst maintenance embzary, &c. and agaynst vnlawful
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HE KYNGE our souerayne lord callinge to his mosse blessed remembraunce, that there is nothyng within this realme that conserueth his lounge subiectes in moze quietnes rest & peace and good concoꝛde, then the bette and iuste ministracion of his lawes, and the true and indifferent trialles of suche tytes and issues as ben to be tryed, accoꝛdyng to the lawes of this realme, whiche his most roiall maiestee perceyue to be greatly hindered and letted by maintenance embzary chaumperty subornacion of witnessses synful labour byyng of tytes & pretended ryghtes of persons not being in possession, wherbypon great periurp hath ensued, and muche iniquities opprellion vexacion trouble wronges and discomforthe haue folowed amonge his mooste lounge subiectes, to the greatte displeasure of almyghty God, the discontentacion of his maiestee, and to the greatte hinderaunce and lette of iustice within this his realme. For the auoydyinge of all whiche misdemeanours and byenge of tytes and pretended ryghtes, and to thintent that iustice maye be moze fully and indifferently ministred, and the tructhe in causes of contencion playnely tryed betwene his subiectes of this realme: Be it enacted by our sayd souerayne lord, with the assente of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that from hencefoꝛth all statutes heretofore made, concernyng maintenance chaumperty and embzary, oꝛ any of them, now standyng and being in their full strength and force, shalbe put in due execution, accoꝛdyng to the tenures and effectes of the same statutes.

AN D O V E R that be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesayde that no persone oꝛ persons of what estate degree oꝛ condicion so euer he oꝛ they be, shall from hencefoꝛthe bargayne bye oꝛ selle, oꝛ by any wayes oꝛ meanes obtayne gette oꝛ haue any pretended ryghtes oꝛ tytes, oꝛ take promyse graunte oꝛ couenaunte to haue any right oꝛ tytle of any person oꝛ persones in oꝛ to any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, but yf suche persone oꝛ persones whiche shall soo bargayne selle grue graunte couenaunte oꝛ promyse the same, theyꝛ antecessours oꝛ theyꝛ, by whome he oꝛ they clayme the same, haue bene in possession of the same, oꝛ of the reuer-
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oꝛ granted, contrary to the fourme of this acte: And the byer oꝛ taker ther-
of, knowyng the same, to forsayt also the value of the sayde landes tene-
mentes oꝛ hereditamentes so by him bought oꝛ taken, as is abovesayde.

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AND furthermoꝛe, that no maner of person oꝛ persons, of what estate degree oꝛ condiciō so euer he oꝛ they be, do hereafter vnlawfully mainteine oꝛ cause oꝛ pꝛocure any vnlawfull mayntenance in any action demaunde suite oꝛ complainte in any of the kynges courtes of the Chauncerie, the Sterre chamber, whire halle, oꝛ elles where within any the kynges dominions of Englande oꝛ wales, oꝛ the marches of the same, where any persone oꝛ persons haue oꝛ hereafter shall haue auctozitee by vertue of the kynges commissiō patent oꝛ writte, to holde plea of landes, oꝛ to examin here oꝛ determine any tyle of landes, oꝛ any matter oꝛ witness concernynge the tyle, right, oꝛ interest of any landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes. And also that no person noꝛ persons of what estate degree oꝛ condiciō so euer he oꝛ they be, do hereafter vnlawfully retepne foꝛ maintenance of any sute oꝛ plea, any person oꝛ persones, oꝛ embrace any freeholders oꝛ iurours, oꝛ suboꝛne any wptnes by letters, rewarde, pꝛomysse, oꝛ by any other synyster labour oꝛ meanes foꝛ to maynteyne any matter oꝛ cause, oꝛ to the disturbance oꝛ hindꝛance of iustice, oꝛ to the pꝛocurement oꝛ occasion of any maner of perjury by false verdyte, oꝛ otherwysse, in any maner of courtes afoꝛesayd, vpon pain of foꝛfayture foꝛ euery such offence. x. li. Thone moꝛtee thereof vnto the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other moꝛtee to hym that wll sue foꝛ the same by action of debte byll playnte oꝛ infoꝛmacion, in any the kynges courtes, in which action no essoine pꝛotectiō wager of lawe noꝛ inuñction shall be allowed.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the auctozitee afoꝛesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to any person oꝛ persons being in laufull possession by takynge of the pꝛely ferme rentes oꝛ pꝛofytes of oꝛ foꝛ any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, to byꝛe obteyne get oꝛ haue by any reasonable way oꝛ meanes the pꝛesented ryght oꝛ tyle of any other person oꝛ persons, hereafter to be made, to of oꝛ in suche manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, wherof he oꝛ they shall so be in laufull possession: any thing in this act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND foꝛ the due execution of this pꝛesente acte, be it further enacted by auctozitee abouesayde, that the Justices of assyse of euery cyꝛcuite within this realme, and else where within the kynges dominions, shall in euery county within theyꝛ circuite two tymes in the yere, that is to saye, in the tyme of theyꝛ sittinges, foꝛ the takynge of assises oꝛ deliueꝛy of the Gaolles, cause open pꝛoclamacion to be made, aswell of this pꝛesent acte, and of euery thyng therein conteyned, as also of all other statutes heretofore made, agens vnlawfull mayntenance champerty embracerpe oꝛ vnlawfull retepnoꝛs, to the entente that no maner of persone oꝛ persons hearynge the same, shulde be ignoꝛaunte oꝛ miscognisant of the daungers and penalties therein conteyned and specyfied.

E Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that this acte shall not extend to charge any persone or persons with any of the penalties mencioned in the sayde acte, for any offence by hym or theym committed, contrary to the sayde acte, excepte the same persone or persons so offending be sued therof by action of debte by l. plawnt or informacion in any of the kynges courtes within one yere nexte after the same offence by hym or them committed as is aforesayde.

An act for the moderation of the punishment of incontinency of priests, and women offendynge with them. Cap. x.



WHERE IN THE FYRST session of this presente parliamente, begon and holden at westmyster, the. xxviii. day of April, in the. xxxi. yere of the kynges most noble reigne and there continued vnto the. xxviii. daye of June then nexte folowynge, in certayne ordenaunces there made for abolishynge of diuersitee of opinions in diuers articles concerninge christen Religion, amonges other thinges it was and is enacted, that if any man, whiche then was, or hadde ben prieste, at any tyme frome or after the. xii. daye of Iulye then nexte ensuyng, dyd carnally kepe or vse any woman, to whom he than was or hadde ben married, or with whome he hadde contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersaunte, kepe company, and familiaritee with any suche woman, to the euill example of other personnes euery suche carnall vse copulacion, open conuersacion, keepynge of company and samplarytee, be and shulde be demed and adiudged felony, as well agaynst the man as the woman, and that euery suche personne so offendynge, shulde be enquired of, tried, punished, suffer, lose, and forsayte, all and euery thyng and thynges, as other felons made and declared by the sayde acte, and as in case of felonye. And where in the sayde acte it is also further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that if any man, whiche then was or hadde ben priest, or after that shulde be, at any tyme after the sayde. xii. daye of Iulye dyd carnally vse and accustome any woman or kepe her as his concubyne, as by payeng for hit bourde maynteynyng hit with money, array, or any other gistes, or meanes, to the euill example of other personnes, that than euery suche offender beyng therof duely convicted or attaynted by the lawes mencioned in the sayd acte, shulde forsayte and lose all his goodes and cattalles, benefices, prebendes, and other spiritual promotions, and dignitees, and also shuld haue and suffer imprisonment of his body, at the kynges wyll and pleasure: and that euery of the sayd benefices, prebendes, and other spiritual promotions, and dignitees, shuld be to all intentes and purposes utterly voyde, as if the sayd offender had resigned, or permuted. And if any suche offender, or offenders, at any tyme after the sayd conuiction or attaynder, eschones dyd commytte, doo, or perpetrate the sayde offences, or any of them nexte befoze rehersted, and be therof duely convicted or attainted by the lawes mencioned in the sayd acte, that

that then all and every suche offence and offences shulde be demed and adjudged felonye, and the offender or offenders therein shulde suffer paynes of death, and lose and forsaite all his and theyr goodes, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, without hauynge any benefyte of clergy or sanctuary: And that those women, with whome all and singular the foresayde priestes shulde in any of the foresayde wayes haue to doo with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesayde, shulde haue lyke punishmente as the priestes, as by the sayde acte amonges other thynges it manifestlye appereth. Our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng graciouslye considerynge, that albeit that the incontinent lyuynge of priestes (from whome all good example of vertue and good lyuynge mooste specially shulde procede, to the good instruction and edifyinge of other christen people) is highlye to the displeasure of almyghty god, and greatte occasion of increase of lyke synfull lyuynge to all other the kynges subiectes, yet the sayde punishmente therfore prouyded by paynes of death is verye soze and to muche extreme: wherfore the kynges maiestee is contented and pleased, that with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this present parlyament assembled, it be ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of the same, that the sayde clause, and clauses aboue wyten in the acte befoze reherfed, conteyned, concernynge felonye and paynes of death, and other penalties and forsaitures, for and vpon the fyrst and seconde conuiction or attaynder of any priest or woman, for any of the sayde offences in the same clauses of the sayd acte mentioned, shall be from henceforth utterly voyde and of none effecte. And also that it be ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parlyamente, that if any suche offender, as is aboue wyten, hereafter shall happen to be duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes mentioned in the foresayde acte, of or vpon any of the crimes or offences afoze wyten, that than euerye such offender, soo beyng conuicted or attaynted, shall from henceforth vpon his fyrst conuiction or attaynder, onely forsaite and lose to our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, all his goodes cattelles and debtes. And if the same offender, at the tyme of that his fyrst conuiction or attaynder haue any benefytes or ecclesiasticall dignities or promotions than one: than the same offender, so conuicted or attaynted, shall forsaite and lose for terme of his lyfe all issues reuenues and profytes, of all his sayd benefytes, or other ecclesiasticall dignities or promotions (except one of the same benefytes or other ecclesiasticall dignities or promotions). And if it shall fortune any such offender or offenders, at any tyme after his sayd fyrst conuiction or attaynder, to commit do or perpetrat any of the sayd offences befoze reherfed, be therof eftsones duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes aforesayd: that than euerye suche offender shall onely lose and forsaite to our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, all his goodes cattelles and debtes, and also durynge his lyfe all the issues and profytes of al his landes, ecclesiasticall dignities, benefices, offces and promotions, to be had leuyed perceyued and taken to the kynges vse. And if it shall fortune any suche offender or offenders at
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Any tyme after his said second conuiction oꝝ attainder to commit do oꝝ perpetrate any of the offences befoꝛe wꝛitten, and be also therof duly conuicted oꝝ attained by the lawes afoꝛesaid, that than euery such offender shall one-ly foꝛfayte and lose to our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, all his goodes cattalles and debtes, and also durynge his lyfe all the issues and pꝛofittes of al his landes and tenementes, and of all his ecclesiasticall dignitees benefices offyces and pꝛomotions, to be had leuyed perceyued and taken to the kynges vse, and also shall further haue and suffer continual imprisonment of his body durynge his lyfe. And euery woman bringe sole and vnmarried, with whome any pꝛiest shall so offend in any of the offences aboue wꝛitten, shall foꝛfayte foꝛ hir first conuiction oꝝ attaynder, of oꝝ vpon any of the crimes oꝝ offences afoꝛesayd, all hir goodes cattalles and debtes. And foꝛ hir second conuiction oꝝ attaynder, of oꝝ vpon any of the crimes oꝝ offences afoꝛesayd, all hir goodes cattalles and debtes, and also the one halfe of all the issues reuenues and pꝛofittes of all hir landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by all the terme of hir lyfe. And foꝛ hir thyrde conuiction oꝝ attaynder, of oꝝ vpon any of the crimes oꝝ offences afoꝛesayd, she shall foꝛfayte all hir goodes cattalles, and debtes, and also durynge hir lyfe, all the issues and pꝛofittes of all hir landes and tenementes, and also shall further suffer imprisonment of hir body by all the terme of hir lyfe. And if the woman, with whome any pꝛiest shall so offend in any of the offences abouesayd be married: that than foꝛ euery hir conuiction oꝝ attaynder of oꝝ vpon any of the crimes oꝝ offences afoꝛesayd, shall haue and suffer imprisonment of hir body by all the terme of hir lyfe, at the kynges wꝛill and pleasure: Any thinge contained in this sayd foꝛmer acte to the contrary of the sayd penalties in this acte mencioned in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Saunge to all and syngular personne and personnes bodyes politike and corporat, theꝛ heꝛes successours and assignes, and to the heꝛes successours and assignes of eueꝛy of them, (other than suche persone and personnes that shall hereafter fortune to offende contrary to the tenure of this acte) all suche ryght tyele interest possession entree action condicion rentes remainders reuercions annuitees fees commonns leases lybertees and commodities, which they oꝝ any of theꝛm haue shall oꝝ oughte to haue at the tyme of any suche offence committed oꝝ done by any of the sayde offenders, contrary to the tenour of this acte, in as ample and large maner and foꝛme, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this acte hadde neuer bene hadde ne made, any thyng in this acte contayned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge the pꝛyng of hautes eggs, conpes,
and derys. Cap. xi.

FOR AS MYCHE as Justyce and equity requyre that euery inher-
tour and possessor of manors landes oꝝ tenementes within the realme
of Englande, shuld accordynge to theꝛ estates oꝝ possessions, peacefully and
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quietly haue take and enioye the profitees reuenues and commoditees of the same as well in thinges of pleasure, as in thinges commonly valuable without injury rapine or other extorte wronge to be committed or done to any of theym, within or vpon the same. And where in the parlyamente holden at Westm in the. xi. yere of the reigne of the noble prince of famous memory kynge Henry the seuenth, it was ordeyned and amongst other thinges enacted, that no man of what condicion or degre so euer he be, shulde take or cause to be taken the egges of any faucon, goshaue or lanerde out of the neste, vppon payne of imprisonment by one yere, and further to fyne at the kynges wyll. The premisses not withstandinge, dyuerse ydell and euill disposed persones haue not despyed nor forbore to take egges of faucons, goshaues and lanerdes out of the nestes, nor to take and steale deere conyes, and rabbettes, by day and by nyght, wherof many tymes haue ensued manslaughteres and other greate hurttes and inconuenientes, and the increases of the sayd kyndes of haukes within this realme, bene in maner destroyed, and the prices of the sayd conyes and rabbettes (whiche be one of the commodiouse bytayls of this realme, muche enhaunced, to the common hurte and prejudice of all the kynges subiectes of the same: Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that if any persone or persons after the feast of the natyuitee of our lady saint Mary nexte comynge, vnlawfully or wrongfully take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon or Goshaue or lanerde, or the byrdes of any faucon, goshaue, or lanerde out of any neste or nestes of any faucon, Goshaue, or lanerde, within any woode, ground, or place of any other person or persones within this realme, that the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shall be adiudged and taken to be felonye. And the offendour and offendours therein, beinge therof lawfully conuycted and attaynted, shall haue and suffer paynes of deathe and shall lose and forsaite theyr goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that if any person or persons, after the sayd feast of the natyuitee of our lady next comynge, at any tyme of the daye, that is to saye, betwene the tyme of the arisynge of the sunne, and goynge downe of the same, with his face hydde and couered with hood or visar, or with his face painted, or him selfe other wise disguised, to the intente that he wold not be knownen, wrongfully, take, kyl, or slea any deere within any parke or closed ground vnto deere, or with any hawe or other nette, or with any fyret or purshete, any of the conyes or rabbettes being within any parke or ground closed for mayntenaunce or keeping of deere, or in any place beinge lawfull warren, except it be such person or persons, as hath or shall haue the keepynge, or be maister of the game of suche parkes or groundes closed for deere, or that haue or shall haue the sayd conyes and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe lawfully licenced so to do. Or if any person or persons at any tyme of the nyght, that is to saye, betwene the

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time of gopng downe of the sunne, and arispyng of the same, take kyll oꝛ sle any deere, within any parke oꝛ closed grounde foꝛ deere, oꝛ with any hawe oꝛ other net, oꝛ with any furet oꝛ pursenet, any of the conies oꝛ rabbettes in any parke closed ground oꝛ warren, as is aboue wrytten, except it be such person oꝛ persons, as hath oꝛ shal haue the keepinge, oꝛ be maisters of the game of such parkes oꝛ closed groundes foꝛ deere, oꝛ that haue oꝛ shal haue the said conies and rabbettes in ferme, oꝛ shalbe laufully lycenced so to do: that al such offences and euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felony, and the offendour & offendours therin, beinge therof laufully attainted, shal haue and suffer such peines of deth, and shal lose and foꝛsaite their goodes and cattalles landes and teneimentes, as in cases of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that no maner of person oꝛ persons, shal hereafter be made demed oꝛ taken by any maner of meane, as accessorie oꝛ accessories to any offendour oꝛ offendours, in any thyng aboue wrytten, but only suche persone and persons as shal hereafter abette oꝛ procure any person oꝛ persons to commyt oꝛ do any of the sayde offences aboue wrytten contrarie to this acte, whiche personne and personnes soo abettinge oꝛ procuringe, shal (after suche offence done) by auctoritee of this act be adiudged demed and taken as accessorie oꝛ accessories, in lyke maner as in cases of felonie at the common lawe.

PROVIDED alway that any woꝛde article clause sentence foꝛseiture peyne oꝛ punishment in the actes aboue wrytten declared, shal not in any wise extend to any person oꝛ persons, that shal hunt take kyll oꝛ slea any conies oꝛ rabbettes, by daye oꝛ by nyght, contrary to this acte, in any chases foꝛrestes oꝛ warrrens of the kynges, the Quenes, the Pryncis, oꝛ of any other persons, set, lyenge, and beinge within the kynges dominion of wales, oꝛ in the borders agaynste Scotlande (The foꝛrest of Snowden in wales onely excepted) any thyng aboue wrytten not withstandynge.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted, that this act, oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, extend not to any person oꝛ persons, which shal not be lawfully indicted oꝛ appealed of any of the offences aboue wrytten, within one yere after any such offence committed oꝛ done: this acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

PROVIDED alway that this acte oꝛ any thyng there in conteyned, extende not to any parke oꝛ enclosed grounde, vled foꝛ deere heretofore had oꝛ made without the graunt oꝛ lycence of our souerayn lord the kyng, oꝛ of any of his noble progenitours, oꝛ otherwys not alowed oꝛ approued of recorde, noꝛ to any groundes, hereafter to be emparked oꝛ enclosed foꝛ deere, by any of the kynges subiectes, noꝛ to any groundes, not nowe vled as a warren, foꝛ oꝛ of any conies at this present tyme, noꝛ to any person oꝛ persons beinge freholder, copiholder, lessee foꝛ terme of yeres, foꝛ terme of lyfe, oꝛ any estate of inheritauce, foꝛ oꝛ in any wyse concernynge takynge kyllinge oꝛ sleynge by any maner of meane, of any conies oꝛ rabbettes, in oꝛ vpon any bu-

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by within his owne grounde or soyle, or elsewhere within the same his ground
or soyle heynge no burp, with bowe or we fittet or pursenet : any thynges
before in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

An acte concerning sanctuaries, priuileges of churches
and churchyardes. Ca. xii.



THE KYNGES most royal maiestee calling to his moste blessed remembraunce, howe that many yuell and euill disposed persones within this his realme, & in other his graces dominions, nothinge regardynge the feare of god, nor the punishment of the kynges lawes, heretofore haue done, and do daily committe and perpetrate wylfully, as well greate sundry and detestable murders robberies, and also other great and heynouse offences, to the greet displeasure of almyghty god, to the subuersion of all good and politike order : wherunto such malefactoris are partly instigated and moued, and the moze bolde and wyllynge so to offend, by certayn lycencious priuileges and other liberttees heretofore graunted to diuerse places and territories within this his realme, commonly called sanctuaries, to which such wilfull offendours heretofore haue had refuge & tuicion of theyr lyues and bodies, after the sayd mischeuouse offences perpetrated and done, from the iust and condigne punishment of his graces lawes, both contrary to the expessed word of god, & the comon tranquillity of this his graces realme, and the publyke welthe & suretie of the same. wherfore his grace of his accustomed goodnes neither mindinge the encouraging, nor continuall mainteynyng of suche myscheuous and wylfull malefactours and offendours, neyther agayn the better abolishment and extinguisshment of all sanctuaries, and the priuileges of the same, very expedient and conuenient to be had and continued in euery common welth, by the lawe of mercy, for some causes and effences : The kynges hyghnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that al maner of sanctuaries and places priuileged, which heretofore haue ben bled reputed or taken for any maner of sanctuary, except parishe churches, and theyr churchyardes, cathedrall churches, hospitalles and churches collegiate, and all chapelles dedicated, bled as parishe churches, and the sanctuaries to them and euery of them belonginge, and except such places and territories, as hereafter shall be declared appoynted and named to be places of tuicion and priuilege by this present acte, shall be bitterly extinguisshed, adnulled, voyde, and of none effecte, for any such liberty or priuilege of sanctuaries, to all purposes and intentes. Any lawes, lycences, estatutes, customes, priuileges, prescripcions, allowāces or any other thing or thynges heretofore bled or admitted to the contrary not withstandinge. And furthermoze the kynges royal maiestee of his accustomed goodnes mercy and benignitee is pleased & contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of
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this present parliament, that frome hensforth these places and territories hereafter expessed and declared, that is to say, Welles in the county of Somerset, Westm, Manchester, Northampton, Northwich, Yozke, Derby, and Lanceston, shalbe from hensforth admitted, allowed, and taken to be places of priuilege and tuicion for terme of life, of and for all and singular offenders and malefactorz, of what so euer qualitie kynd or natures all & euer they offences be or shalbe, for the which their sayd offences and crimes, the peines and punishment of deeth shuld ensue by the statute lawes or customes of this realme, other than such as hereafter by this present act be excepted and forpysed, that is to say, that it be enacted by thaurtozitee aforesayd, that from hensforth þe said parish churches or churchparden, cathedral churches, hospitalls, churches colegiate, & al other chapels dedicated, vsed as parish churches nor any of them, nor þe cemitories to them or any of them belöging, nor þe said places & territories befoze in this present acte reherfed and declared for places of refuge and tuicion, shal not in any wyse extend to giue any maner tuicion defence immunity liberty or priuilege to any maner of person or persons, which at any tyme hereafter shal perpetrate comit or do any maner of wilfull murder, or whiche shal commit or do any rauynmente of or to any womā, or which shal comit any maner of burgulary, or which shal comit or do any maner of robbery in the high way, or nere vnto þe same, or to any person, which shal commit or do any robbery in any house, putting the owner, his wyfe, chyldren, seruantes, or any other person within the same in feare of life. And also excepted and forpysed all felonious burnyng of houses or barnes with coyn, & also al robberies of churches chapels or other halowed places. And also forpysed and excepted all and syngular abbettozys pzoctors and counsellours to any of the fo:esayde offences befoze specified and excepted befoze the sayde offences committed and done. And also excepted & forpysed all other offenders committynge or perpetratyng any offences where saynctuary or clergy is not allowable by the lawes of this realme, or where saintuary or clergy is taken awaye by any former statute or lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctozitee aforesayd, that if at any time here after, any person or persons do take any refuge or saintuary in any parish churche or churchyard, cathedral church, hospitall, church collegiate, or other chapel dedicate comonly vsed as parish churches, or in the cemitory to any of them belonging, for any offence, other than such as be excepted and forpysed by this act, that thā the said person or persons, so taking seintuary and refuge, shal and may abide & remayn there by the space of xl. dayes, as hath ben heretofore vsed, vsyng hym selfe in al pointes, according to the lawes and statutes of the realme: onlesse the cozoner in the meane tyme repayze vnto him for the taking of his abiuration: in which case vpon repaice of the said cozoner, he shal and may abiure after the lawes and estatutes of this realme, to any of the sayd territories and priuileged places befoze named, not being full of the number, as hereafter to euer of the sayde places by this acte shalbe appointed, there to abide and remayn durynge his lyff,

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by synge hym selfe in suche like order condicion and facion in all thinges and poyntes as heretofore hath ben ordered and appoynted by the statutes and lawes of this realme, for and concernynge the good order of sanctuary persons to be obserued vsed and kepte within priuiledged saintuaries, or els to lose the benefite of their sayde priuilege, and vppon the penalties compysed in the sayd estatutes.

CAND it is further enacted, that if the coroner of the shire or place, where any persone or persons, shall take any refuge or sanctuary in any of the sayde churches or churchpordes, cathedrall churches, hospitals, churches collegiat, chapelles dedicate commonly vsed as parishe churches, or any cemitories to them or any of them belongynge, vppon resonable requeste to hym made, doo refuse to come in conuenient tyme vnto suche persone beinge in sanctuary, as afoze is sayde, there to take his confession and abjuracion, accordynge to the lawes of this realme: that than the sayde coroner for euerye suche defaulte shall lose and forfayt to our soueraygne lord the kynge. C. s.

CAND be it further enacted by the auctoritie afozesayde, that the Chauncelloz of Englande for the tyme beinge within the space of one yere next following, shall haue power and auctoritee by this act, to award seuerall commissions vnder the kynges great seale of England, vnto suche discrete persons, as he shall thinke mete by his discrecion, to make perambulaciōs and to appoint set forth and limit certapnly how far and wher the boundes and limittes of euery of the sayd priuiledged places and territories before rehearsed, shall extend, and that the same boundes and limittes so by the sayde commissioners to be set forth limited and appoynted, shall be retourned vnder the seales of the sayd commissioners into the kynges court of chancery there to remain of recoorde for the certapn knowlege of the boundes & limittes of the said priuiledged places and territories. And that after the same limitations so to be made and retourned, the sayd priuiledged places appointed by this act shall serue and be allowed only within the same limittes and boundes so returned and not elles where within the residue of the cite or towne, where suche limittes shall be appointed.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritee afozesayde, that in euerye of the said priuilege places and territories the officer or gouernoz of the sayde priuilege place and territorie by the kynges highnes to be appointed, and euery of them, for the good gouernace and ordering of the same places & territories, shall dayly call or cause to be called by hym selfe or his deputie, all and euery of the said priuiledged persons in euerye of the sayd places and territories by their names, and if any of the sayd priuiledged persons do make default at .iii. seuerall daies together, and do not personally appere at any of the said .iii. dayes, hauyng no laufull excuse to the contrary, that than euerye suche priuiledged person makynge default of his apparance, as is afozesayd shall lose and forfayt the priuilege of al and euery of the said priuiledged places and territories. Any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

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And further it is enacted, that if any of the said abiured or p̄uileged persons, within the tyme he shalbe in any of the sayd p̄uileged places or territories as a p̄uileged man, fortune to commit perpetrate or do any maner of felony or other offences, for the which the penaltee of death shuld ensue by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that than euery such offendour shall for euer lose the benefite and p̄uilege as well of the sayd place, as of all other p̄uileged places and sanctuaries befoze named: any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by thautozitee aforesayd, that there shal not be at any one time aboue þ number of .xx. of the sayd p̄uileged persons hereafter to be admitted and receiued into any one of the sayd p̄uileged places & territories aforesayd. And that yf any person hereafter do abiure to any of the sayd p̄uileged places and territories, accoꝝdyng to the puruey of this act, the person so abiurynge, shalbe bled conducted conueyed and broughte from constable to constable dyrectly, accoꝝdyng to the order of the lawes heretofore bled, for the conductyng of abiured persons to their ports, after their abiurations, vntyll suche tyme as the sayde persone so abiurynge, be brought to the gouernour of the sayde p̄uileged place, wherunto he shall so be abiured, or to his deputie. And if at the bringynge thither of the sayde abiured person it shall appere and be truly declared by the register there to be kept of the names of the sayde p̄uileged persons than being in the sayde p̄uileged place, that the sayd p̄uileged place is than ful of his said number of the sayd p̄uileged persons being than there lawfully p̄uileged, accoꝝdyng to the puruey of this acte: than the sayd gouernour of the sayde p̄uileged place or his deputie, shall declare and shewe vnto the sayde abiured persone, so beinge brought thither, and to the sayd officer that bringeth and conducteth him thither that the sayde abiured persone may not be there receyued, for that that the sayde p̄uileged place is than all redy full of his sayd number, and therupon shall commaunde the sayde constable or other officer, to conducte leade and deliuer the sayde abiured person, to the constable or other officer or officers of the next towne adioynynge to the sayde p̄uileged place, ledyng directly towarde the next of the sayd other p̄uileged places or territories: And the same abiured person so to be deliuered from constable to constable officer or officers of euery townshipp, tendyng toward the same next p̄uileged place, vnto such tyme as the same person be thither conducted, & there deliuered to remaine, as is aforesaid. And that the gouernour of the sayde p̄uileged place, where suche refusell was had, or his deputie, shall make an entre in the sayd register of the hole matter, that is to saye, what day and yere the sayd abiured person was brought thither vnto hym, and by what officer, and for what cause he dyd refuse the receyving of hym, and to which of the other sayd p̄uileged places the sayd abiured person was from thense appointed to be brought & conueied: and shall befoze the departure of the sayd abiured p̄son, deliuer to him a true copy of the said entre, to thintent he may deliuer that same to the gouernor of þ sayd other

other pꝛiueleged place, to the whiche he shall be conducted and brought, to his deputie, And that the sayd gouernour of that same pꝛiueleged place, if that same place be not than full of his number, as is afoze reherſed, shall receyue the sayd abiured person, vpon the syght of his sayde byll, there to remaine durynge his lyfe, as a pꝛiueleged person, accoꝝdyng to the puruewe of this estatute. And that lyke oꝝder and fashon be alwayes obserued and kepte foꝝ the conductynge and conueyenge of all abiured persons from euery of the sayde pꝛiueleged places beinge full of their sayd number, at the tyme of the brynging thither of any such abiured person to the next other of the sayd places, vntyl such time, as the said abiured person be receiued into one of the said pꝛiueleged places, not hauing his full number, accoꝝdyng to the puruewe of this acte. And that euery gouernour of the sayd pꝛiueleged places being negligent, and not doing his dutie, accoꝝding to the puruewe of this acte. And euery constable and other of the kinges officers, refusing to receyue oꝝ to conducte suche abiured person, as is afozesayd, shall forſake and lose to our sayd soueraygne loꝝde the kinge foꝝ euery of theyꝝ defaults in that behalfe. *cl.s.*

Eꝛouped alwayes, that this act noꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende oꝝ be taken to minishe oꝝ appaieꝛ, oꝝ to augment oꝝ inſoꝛce the pꝛiuelege oꝝ lybertee, which any person oꝝ persons haue alredy taken claymed oꝝ obtayned in any place oꝝ places within this realme heretofoze vſed allowed oꝝ admitted foꝝ places of sanctuary pꝛiuelege oꝝ tuiſion: but the same to stand foꝝ them in lyke ſoꝛce and effecte, neyther better noꝝ woꝛſe than it was befoꝝe the making of this acte: any thyng herein contayned to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

An act concernynge the byede of hoxſes of higher ſtature. Cap. xiii.



Has muche as the generation and byede of good and stronge hoxſes within this realme, extendeth not onely to a greatte helpe of defence of the same, but also is a great commoditee and profite to thynhabytantes thereof, whiche nowe is muche decayde and diminished by reason that in ſoꝛeſtes chaces mooꝝes marſhes hethes commons and waſte groundes within this realme lytell ſtoned hoxſes and nagges of ſmalle ſtature, and of lytell value, be not onely ſuffered to paſture and feede ther vppon, but also to couer and leape mares ſedynge there, wherof cometh in maner no profite oꝝ comoditee. foꝝ refoꝝmacion wherof, and foꝝ thyncrease and byede of better and stronger hoxſes hereafter to be had within this realme: Be it enacted by the kyng our ſouerayne loꝝde, the loꝝdes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctozitie of the same, that no commonour oꝝ commonours within any ſoꝛeſte, chaſe, mooꝝe, marſhe, heathe, common, oꝝ waſte grounde, noꝝ any offyccer oꝝ offyccers of oꝝ within any of the sayd ſoꝛeſtes oꝝ chaſes, noꝝ any other perſone oꝝ perſons what

what so ever he or they be at any tyme after the laste day of Marche, whiche
shalbe in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundred and thye and
foryte shal haue or put to pasture into or vpon any such ground, forrest chace
moore marishe heth common or wast ground, any stoned horse or horses, be-
ing aboue the age of two yere and not beyng of the altitude and heyghe of
fytene handefulles, to be measured from the lowest part of the houe of the
fozfoote vnto p highest part of the wither, and euery handfull to concern. iiii.
inches of the standerde, to pasture fede or be in or vppon any of the sayde fo-
restes chases commons moores marishes hethes or wast groundes within
any of the shyres and territories of Nozff. Suff. Cambridge, Buck. Hun-
tyngdon, Essex, Kent. Southamshyre, Northwylshire, Oxforde, Barkf.
Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde,
Warwyke, Northampton, Yorkeshyre, Cheshyre, Staffordshire, the countye
of the cite of Yorke, the towne and lyberties of Gloucester, the countye of the
towne of Kingston vpon Hull, the countye Balantine of Lancaster, the countye
of Salop, Leicester, Hereforde, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor
shall put to fede or pasture any stoned horse or horses, beinge aboue the
sayd age of two yeres, and not beyng of the altitude and heyghe of fourtene
handfull to be measured, as is abouesayd, within or vpon any lyke ground
or groundes as ben aboue wyten, lyeng or beinge within any other shire of
this realme, nor within any of them, vpon payne of forfayture of the sayde
horse or horses, whiche shall be so founde in or vppon any suche grounde
forreste chace moore marishe heth common or waste grounde, at any tyme
after the sayde laste day of Marche, whiche shall be in the sayde yere of our
lord God a Thousande fyue hundred and thye and foryte contrary to the
fourme of this estatute. And it shalbe lafull to euery person and persones
that shall fynde any suche horse or horses, contrarye to the fourme of this
estatute, to seise the same in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say: The
sayde persone and persones so synopng any horse or horses contrary to this
acte in any forrest chace common moore marishe heth or wast grounde with-
in the sayd shires or other limites aforesayde, or in any of them, shall first go
vnto the keeper or keepers of the same forrest or chace, or to his deputy or de-
puties, or to the constable, baylyffe, headborough, bursholder, or tythyng
man of any towneshyppe nexte adioynge vnto the sayde place, where the
sayde horse or horses shall be: And shall commaunde, or requyre hym or
them or any of theym, in the kynges behalfe, to goo with hym or theym, to
brynge euery suche horse or horses, as he or they shall thynke to be there fe-
dyng and goinge, contrary to this estatute, to the nexte ponde, and there
the sayd horse and horses to be measured by any of the same officer or offi-
cers, in the ptesence of thye other honeste men to be named and appoynted
by the sayde officer, and if it so be founde that the same horse or horses be
contrary to this act, that than it shalbe laful to euery such person and per-
sons that so shal challenge & sease the sayd horse or horses as before is sayde,
to take and retayne the same horse and horses, and euery of theym, to his
owne

owne vse, as his owne proper goodes and cattalles for ever, without lette, interruption, vexacion, suite or trouble of the owner or owners of them, or any of them, or of any other person or persons.

AN D it is further enacted by the auctoritee abovesayde, that if any of the sayde keepers, theyr deputy or deputies, baplyffes, constables, hedboroughes, bursholders, or tythyng men, or any of the sayde thre other honest men, which shall be requyred to be at the measurynge of the sayde horse or horses, as is besoydesayde, do refuse to do, as is aforesayde, or els do not truly measure suche horse and horses, that then euery suche baplyffe, keeper, deputy or deputies, constable, hedborough, bursholder, and tythyng man, and the sayd thre honest persons to be named, as is aforesayd, and euery of them not doynge, and refusynge to do his or their duty in the premisses: shall forsayte and lose. xl. s. for euery tyme so refusynge to do, or not doynge as is aforesayd, the one halfe therof to be to our soueraine lord the kynge, & the other halfe therof to be to the party that wyl sue for the same, in any court of our sayd souerayne lord the kynge, by byll, or plaint of det, information, or other wyse, in whiche action none esoyne, wager of lawe, or protection shall be admitted or allowed.

PR O V I D E D alway that this acte shall not extende to any stoned horse or horses, that shal happé ones in any yere after the said last day of March, to bryke escape or go out of any seuerall pasture or ground, against the wil and mynde of the owner or possessour of suche horse or horses, in to any of the said forrestes chases moores marishes hethes commons or waste groundes, so that the sayd horse or horses, so bryakynge escappynge or goynge out, do not remayn or abide in the sayd forrestes chases moores marishes hethes commons or waste groundes, or any of them, by the space of foure dayes nexte after sufficiente and open notice and knoweledge gyuen at the dwelling house of the owner of the sayd horse or horses, or after open publication therof made, vpon a sonday, or other festiuall day, in the parish church where the owner or possessour of suche horse dothe dwell.

AN D be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that all forrestes, chases, commons, moores, marishes, hethes, and waste groundes within this realme of England and Wales, and the marches of the same and euery of them, shalbe dyuen at the feast of saynte Mychaell tharchaungel next comynge, or within. x. dayes than next after. & so yerely to be dyuen by the lordes owners or possessours of the sayde forrestes chases, or by the officers of the same, and by the constables, hedboroughes, baplyffes, bursholders, and tythyng men, within whose offices and precinctes and lymittes, the commons moores marishes hethes and waste groundes, beyng out of forrestes and chases, be or lye, vpon payne of. xl. s. to be forsayted to our sayd souerayne lord the kynge, by euery of the sayd officers, baplyffes, constables, hedboroughes, bursholders, and tythyng men, as often and at euery tyme, as the sayd dyft shalbe omitted or left vndone, or not effectually done within. x. days after the said feast of saint Mychaell tharchaungel, as is aforesayde.

sapd. And it shal also be laful to the said lordes owners and possessioners of the sayd forrestes and chales, by their officers of the same, and by the constables baylyffes hedboroughes burtholders and tythpng men, and etierp of them, within the lymittes of theyr offices, to make lyke dyfft of the sayde forrestes, chales commons moores marishes herbes and waste groundes at any other sealon and tyme of the yere, whan so euer and as often as theye shall thynke mete and conuenient.

And furthermoze be it enacted, that if in any of the sayde dyftes there shalbe found any mare fylly sole or geldyng that then shalbe thought not to be hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to beate soles of reasonable nature, or not hable nor lyke to growe to be hable to do profitable labours, by the discretions of the driuours aforesaid or of the moze number of the, than the same driuour or driuours shall cause the same vnyprofitable beastes, and euery of them to be killed, and the bodies of them to be buried in the ground, or otherwyle bestowed, as no nopance therby shall come or grow to the people, there nere enhabytng or thither resortyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee of this present parlyamente, that the Justyces of peace in euery shyre, ryddyng, and other place in their quarter sessions to be kept and holden by vertue of the kynges commission of the peace to theym directed, and all stuardes of letes and lawe dayes in the same letes and lawdayes, shall haue auctoritee by this act to enquire of all defautes contemptes omissions and offences, contrary to the effectes aboue wyten, and euery of them. And all presentimentes therof to be found in any of the said letes and lawdayes, shalbe certified by the stuarde or deputy, stuarde or courttholder of the same leste or lawday in the next general sessions of the peace to be holden in the county, where suche presentemente shalbe found or had, or vnto the Custos Rotuloru of the same shyre, within xl. dayes nexte after that presentemente made, whiche Justyces of peace in their quarter sessions of the peace shall haue power and auctoritee by this act to here and determyne euery suche presentement befoze them selves founde, or in any of the sayde letes or lawdayes to be presented and certified, as is aforesayde, aswel by examynacion as otherwyle, and if any suche stuarde, deputy, stuarde or courttholder aforesayde, imbecyll or conuale any suche presentemente, or do not certifie the same as is afoze wyten, euery of theym so offendyng, shall forsayte and loose for euery suche offence. xl. s. The one halfe of euery suche forsayture, and of euery other of the forsaytures afoze wyten, to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to the persone or persones that will sue for the same, befoze the sayde Justyces of peace in their sayde quarter sessions by byll or informacion, whiche Justyces shall haue ful power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte to here and determyne euery suche offence, as well by examynacion as otherwyle, as is befoze mencioned.

And be it further enacted by thaurtoritee aforesaid, that no person or persones, after the feast of saint Michael tharchaungel next commyng, shall haue

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haue oꝝ putte to pasture any hoꝛse, geldyng, oꝝ mare infecte with scappe oꝝ mange, in to oꝝ vpon any of the sayde foꝛrestes chases moꝛes marishes hethes commonꝝ waste groundes, oꝝ common felde: vppon pꝛyne to sayde foꝛ euery hoꝛse geldyng oꝝ mare so infecte, pasturyng in any of the sayde groundes, ten shyllinges, whiche offence shalbe inquirable and pꝛesentable befoꝛe the stuarde in euery lete, as other common annoyances be. And the foꝛfayture therfoꝛe to be to the loꝛde of the same lete, where the sayd offences shalbe pꝛesented.

¶ Provided alwaꝛe, that this acte oꝝ any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende noꝛ be pꝛejudiciall to any persone oꝝ persones, haꝛyng any stoned hoꝛse oꝝ hoꝛses, vnder the heightes and altitudes aboue mencioned, foꝛ oꝝ concernyng the haꝛyng oꝝ puttynge any of the sayd hoꝛses to fedynge in oꝝ vpon any common oꝝ other waste groundes, where any mares oꝝ fylles be not bled noꝛ suffered to be fedde pastured oꝝ kept.

¶ An acte foꝛ mayntenaunce of the Raye of England, and foꝛ certayn rates of freghtes. Ca. xlii.



FOR AS MYCHE as it is euidently and notoriously known, that the moꝛe parte of this our soueraygne loꝛde the kynges realme of Englande, and the confines and dominions of the same, is and bene compassed and enuyronned by and with the greatte seas, soo that neyther the kynges liege people and subiectes of this his sayde realme, noꝛ yet any others of any foꝛren realmes oꝝ countreies can oꝝ may conuey oꝝ transpoyt theyꝛ wares goodes marchandises and commoditees in to and frome the sayde realme, by ouer oꝝ alongest the sayde seas, but onely by shippes. And where the nauy oꝝ multitude of shippes of this realme in tymes paste had bene and yet is very profitable requysite necessary and commodious, as well foꝛ the entercourte and concourse of marchantes, transpoytynge and conueyng theyꝛ wares and marchandises, as is abouesayde, and a greatte defence and surette of this realme in tyme of warre, as well to offende as defende, and also the mayntenaunce of many masters maryners and seamen, makynge them expert and counnyng in the arte and science of shypmen and saylunge, and theyꝛ wyues and chyldren haue hadde theyꝛ lyuynge of and by the same, and also hathe bene the chiefe mayntenaunce and supportacion of the cyties towneꝝ byllages hauens and crchys meradiopyng vnto the sea costes, and the kynges subiectes bakerys, brewers, bouchers, smithes, copers, shypwrightes, saylours, howemakers, and other bytaylor and handy craftes men, inhabytynge and dwelling nigh vnto the sayde costes, haue also hadde by the same a greatte parte of theyꝛ lyuynge, and the same nauy and multitude of shippes is now of late merueylously apparyed and decayed, and by occasyon thereof not onely a greatte multitude of the kynges liege people, whiche thereby hadde theyꝛ lyuynge, be nowe mynyshed and empoueryshed, but also the towneꝝ villa-

ges and inhabitations nere adioynnyng vnto the sea costes, ben bitterly fallen in ruine and decay. For reformation wherof, it was ordeyned and enacted by a statute made in the fiftie yere of the reygne of the ryght noble kyng Rycharde the seconde, that none of the kynges liege people shulde shyppe marchandise in any other shyp than in an englyshe shyp, vpon payne of forsaiture of the sayd marchandise so shypped. And after that by one other estatute made in the syxte yere of the sayd most noble kyng, it was enacted, that for default of englyshe shyppes euery man might shyp their marchandises in strangers shyppes. And after that at a parlyament holden at westminster the fourth yere of the late noble kyng of famousse memozy kyng HENRY the VII, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no persone shuld carrie o: bying any wyne of Gascoygne o: Guien o: Colosse wade, into England, wales, Irelande, Caleys, o: the marches therof, o: Barwyke, but al onely in shyppes of England wales Irelande Caleys o: marches therof o: Barwyke, & that the maister and mariners of the same shyppes, o: the most part of them shulde be of the same countreis, vpon payne of forsaiture of the same wyne and wadde. And after at a parlyament holden at westm, the fiftene day of January, in the .xxiii. yere of the moste noble reigne of our now soueraigne loyde, kyng HENRY the VIII. it was ordeyned and enacted, that the saied estatute, and euery thing in them conteyned, shuld stand in their full strengthe force and effecte: So that from thensforth the no person shulde attempte to do contrary to the tenours of any of the saied estatutes, vpon the paynes conteyned in the same, as in the same estatutes is moze plainly expessed and declared. Yet notwithstanding diuerse and sundry persons, not regarding the maintenance of the said nauy, nor yet the commoditees and profites comynge and growynge vnto this realme by ocrasion of the same, for theyze own singular lucre and aduantage, haue not feared nor dyadde to offende the sayd lawes and good ordynances. wherfoze the kynges maiestee haupnge great zeale and tendre respecte vnto the common wealthe of this his realme, willeth that it be enacted by thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauoyntice of the same, that the saied estatutes, and all and euery thing in them conteigned, be stande and continue in theyr full strength force and effecte: So that from hensforth no person o: persons shal attempt to do any thing contrary to the tenours and effectes of the saied good and laudable estatutes, vpon the paynes in the same conteigned and expessed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aboue saied, that frome hensforth the owners maisters and puruers of Englyshe shyppes o: other vessels, haupnge the same their shyppes o: vessels at the pozte and hauen of the ryuer of Thaimys at London, and beynge mynded pourposed o: agreed to take any freight o: ladinge at the same pozte into any of the saied shyppes o: vessels, and frome thens to saile with the same directely vnto any of the parties of beyonde the sea, hereafter named, expessed, and specified, o: to any hauen pozte o: rode of charge o: discharge: O: haupnge the same theyr

Shyppes oꝝ vesselles at any of the saied portes of beyonde the sea, and be-
 ynge contented mynded agreed oꝝ purposed to take any freyght oꝝ lading
 from any of the same places of beyonde the sea directy vnto the sayd port oꝝ
 haue of the saied riuer of Champs at London, oꝝ to the rode of charge oꝝ
 discharge of the same, shal not at any tyme hereafter by any maner of meane
 take oꝝ receyue anye moze oꝝ greater summe oꝝ summes of money foꝝ the
 freyght transpoytacion conuiance oꝝ cartage of any wares goodes oꝝ mar-
 chaundises in their shyppe oꝝ shyppes, vessel oꝝ vessels, into oꝝ from any of
 the saied hauens oꝝ rodes of charge oꝝ discharge, but ouerlye suche summe oꝝ
 summes of money, and after the rate quantitee and facion, as hereafter in
 this present acte is mencioned and declared.

Cfyrste foꝝ the freyghte of euery wollen clothe shypped frome London to
 Flaunders. viii. d. Flemmysh, and a piece of Flemmysh money called an Eng-
 lish foꝝ lodemanage, and foꝝ pymage of euery fardell of wollen clothe
 great oꝝ smalle. iiii. d. Flemmysh.

Also from Flaunders to London foꝝ the freyghte of euery fardell of the
 byggest sozte. xx. s. sterl. discendyng downwarde to. xvi. s. xiii. s. iiii. d. x. s.
 oꝝ. viii. s. after the rate and quantitee of euery suche fardell, as the owne
 shyppmaister oꝝ purser can agree.

Also foꝝ the freyght of a maunde of the byggest sozt. vi. s. viii. d. sterlyng,
 and so discendyng downwarde after the rate and quantitee of euery suche
 maunde, as the marchaunt and owne shyppmaister oꝝ purser can agree.

Also foꝝ the freyght of a dyer fatte of the byggest sozt. vi. s. viii. d. sterlyng,
 and so discendyng downwarde after the rate of euery suche dyer fat, as the
 marchaunt and owne shyppmaister oꝝ purser can agree.

Item foꝝ euery case of beluet, conteyning. xiiii. pieces beluet. v. s. Item
 foꝝ a bale of saies of. vi. fote highe. v. s. Item foꝝ a bale of fustian. xx. d.
 Item foꝝ a bale of chamlet. xx. d. Item foꝝ a bale of Coleyn hempe oꝝ threde
 ii. s. Item foꝝ a bale of madder. ii. s. Item foꝝ a bale of almondes. ii. s. Item
 foꝝ a butte of currantes. iiii. s. iiii. d. Item foꝝ a barrell of naples. ii. s. Item
 foꝝ a trussyng cheste. ii. s. Item foꝝ a suger cheste. ii. s. Item foꝝ a tunne of
 yron. ii. s. Item foꝝ a hoggehead of pyornes and dates. xx. d. Item foꝝ a bag
 of pepper lowse. xx. d. Item foꝝ euery hundred hoppes. vi. d. Item foꝝ a
 flasket of sope. iiii. d. Item foꝝ pieces of brasel as they be of bygnes, foꝝ eu-
 ry piece. i. d. with all auerages lodemanage and pymage of olde tyme accu-
 stomed in Englyshe shyppes.

Item frome London to Daunske the owne of euery shyppe shal haue
 viii. d. sterlyng, foꝝ the freyghte of euery byode wollen clothe freyghted to
 Daunske, and foꝝ euery set cloth. iiii. d. sterlyng. Item foꝝ euery rolle packe
 oꝝ maunde of cony shyppes. xviii. s. sterlyng, and so discendyng downe-
 wardes after the byggenes of the rolle oꝝ maunde as the marchauntes and
 owners haue ben accustomed to agree. Item foꝝ pymage of euery fardell
 towarde Daunske. iiii. d. sterlyng.

Frome Danke to London foꝝ euery laste of wheat and rie. xvi. s. viii. d.
 Item

Item for every packe of two halfe packes of flaxe .xxx. s. Item for every packe of canuas .xxx. s. Item for every laste of pitche and tarre, accompting xiii. banelles for a last. xii. s. Item for a last of ashes, accompting. xiii. banelles for a last. xi. s. Item for every last of osmondes accompting. xiii. banelles for a last. viii. s. Item for every. xxi. bundelles of bowstaues. xxi. s. viii. s. Item for every nest of compters. xxi. s. Item for every laste of faggottes of pyon. iiii. s.

Item for every fatte of sturgeon. ii. s. Item for every fatte of yeles. ii. s. Item for every cage of yeles. iiii. s. Item for every sacke of fethers, weying xx. weight, every. C. xxi. s. Item for every straw of wax of. xxi. weight xxi. s. Item for lodemanage of every last of the saied marchaundises. vi. s. sterlyng. And for the pymage of every laste. iiii. s. sterlyng.

Item from Burdeux to London for every tunne wyne at the fyfthe vintage, accomptynge two pypes. iiii. hoggesheades, of. vi. terles for a tunne xxi. s. Item for the freight of every tunne wyne at the racke vintage. xxi. s. Item for every Coloses wadde, accompting. viii. hole bales, of. xxi. di. banelles for a tunne. xx. s. with lodemanage and pymage, and all auerages of olde tyme accustomed after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Item from London to Byskay outward and homeward, the marchantes which take freight in any shipp shall haue for every. v. tunnes, a fardell of wollen cloth, conteyning. xxi. brode clothes freight free, and to pay for every cloth laden besydes in the same shipp. lxx. maruadies, whiche is. xi. d. and the thirde parte of a peny sterlyng: And for every tunne homewardeg. xxi. s. iiii. d.

And for pymage and lodemanage of every tunne. vi. d. sterlyng, with all auerages accustomed, after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Item from London to all portes of Portingale and southweyde Spayne on this syde the straites for the freight of every packe of fardell of. xxi. brode clothes. ii. duckettes of. v. s. sterlyng the piere. Alwaies prouyded that the marchant that taketh freight in any shipp freighted from the saied porte of London, to any of these places, shall haue for every. v. tunne freight one fardell of. xxi. brode wollen clothes freight free: And for pymage and lodemanage of every fardell. v. d. ob. sterlyng, with all auerages after the olde vse and custome of Englyshe shippes.

Item from Cauple Spymouney and Lepe for the freight of every tunne marchandise to London. xx. s. sterlyng, and. vi. d. sterlyng for lodemanage and pymage, with all auerages accustomed, after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes. Also for the freight of every tunne marchandise freighted to sainte Lukes de Barameda, saint Mary porte, the baie of Candys towardes London (pesterable wares only excepted). xxi. s. sterl. And for lodemanage and pymage. vi. d. sterl. with all auerages of olde tyme accustomed, after the olde vse and custome of englyshe shippes.

Also the freight of every tunne marchandise from the crane of Cluise, directly to London (pesterable wares onely excepted). xxi. s. sterlyng. And for pymage and lodemanage. vi. d. sterlyng, with all auerages accustomed.

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Also for the freight of euery tunne marchandyses from Malaga, to London (pesterable wares onely excepte). xxv. s. sterlyng. And for pryimage and lodemanage. vi. d. sterlyng of euery tunne, with all auerages accustomed after the olde vse and custome of Englyshe shippes.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any owner maister or purser of shipp or vessel of this realme or the dominions therof, or any of them beyng freighted vnto or from the saied hauen or pozte or the riuer of Chamis, or any of the places aboue reherseb, dooe exacte or take of any marchant or his factour seruant or any of them, any other moze or larger freighte or summes of money in the name of freighte, than is aboue lymitted and appoynted by this acte, or otherwyle infringe or bryke the same acte or any thyng therein conteyned: that than euery suche person and persons so offendynge contrary to the forme of this estatute, shall forsayte and lose double so muche as he or they shall so receyue and take, ouer and aboue the rate and summes befoze reherseb, the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lord the kynge his heires and succours, and the other halfe therof to be to any suche person or persons that wyl sue for the same by action of det byll informacion or otherwyle in any of the kynges courtes of record: In whiche action no essoygne protection ne wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted in any of the courtes abouesaid.

Provyded alwaies, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned or specified, concernynge the saied rates or summes for the freight befoze reherseb, shall not extende to bynde or charge any owners maisters pursers or mariners of any shipp or vessel for the freightynge or lading therof into or from any pozt or hauen within this realme of Englande, other than the saied pozt of London, in maner and fourme befoze specified.

Provyded also and bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that at what tyme any warre shall happen to be moued or had betwene this realme of Englande and any other exteriour potentates fozein prynces they realmes or subiectes, or betwene any other outwarde kyngdomes or dominions, by occasion and meanes wherof the saied owners shall be moze charged for the furniture of their shippes and vesselles, as well with vitayles moze numbze of men and artillery, for the sure conducting conueyance and transportation of the marchandises goodes & wares laden in the same, that than it shall be lawfull to the same owners, to receiue take and haue suche moze and greater summe or summes of money, ouer and aboue the rates aforesaid for the freight of they shippes and vesselles, as the marchauntes and they shall be agreed vpon: any thyng or thynges conteyned and lymitted in the saied rate specified in this present acte, or any other thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyle not withstanding.

Provyded also and be it enacted by the auctoritee abouesaid, that if at any tyme hereafter it shall be concluded couenanted bargained condiscended or agreed betwene any marchauntes they factours and seruantes or any of them,

and any owner maister or purser of any shyppe or vessell of this realme, or the dominions of the same, that any suche owner maister or purser be contented to receiue take and haue any lesse summe or summes of money, vnder the rates abovesaid, for the freight of the shippes and vessells, as abovesaid: that than euerp suche conclusion couenant bargain condiscient and agreement shall stand and be good and effectual: any thing or thinges limited in the sayd rate specified in this present act, or any other thing or thinges in the same acte contained to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

AND where also our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng of his owne bounteous lyberall mynde and princely discrecion nowe of late hath commaunded, that no person nor persones beinge straungers or denizens, conueying or transportynge any goodes wares or marchandise into any portte cke or other place of this realme, or out of the same, shulde for a certayne tyme paye any other moze or larger custome and subsidie than his graces lounge and naturall subiectes than vsed and were accustomed to do and pay at that presente tyme (custome and subydye for wolles onely excepted) sens which commaundement so giuen and knowen, sundy greuous complaintes haue ben made as well to the kynges maiestie as also to his moste honourable counsell by diuers of his graces lounge subiectes, that the marchauntes estrangers and thep factours haupnge excedynge benefytte pofpste and commoditie by reason of the sayde commaundement, haue done and do daylye lade and conuey thep goodes wares and marchandise boughte within this realme, from and out of the same, in and vpon strangers shippes of other realmes, in suche number at sundy portes hauens ryuers and places of this realme and the dominions of the same, that the owners of shippes thep masters mariners seamen shypwyghtes, and great multitude of other his graces subiectes be greatly impoucerished, to thep extreme losses and damages, wherby no lytell detriment and decaye hath and is lykely to ensue to the sayde nauy of this his graces realme of Englande and the dominions therof. For refozmacion whereof his royall maiesty of his moste excellent wysedome and polcey forseing the discommodities aswel of his sayde nauy as of the people, and with moite godly mynde intendynge aswel the comynion welth of his graces sayde nauy and people, as also the successe and effecte of his sayde commaundement, doth enact by his most royall assent, and by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and of the commons in this present parlyamente assembled and by the auctorite of the same, that from henceforth al and euerp person and persons that is or be strangers or alpeng bozne out of this realme of Englande, or in any other place out of our sayd soueraygne lord the kynges obeyssance, beynge denizens or no denizens, thep factours attorneys mynsters and seruants, that at any tyme hereafter do lade or shall cause to be laden any wares goodes or marchandise, of what kynde, nature or qualite, so euer it shall be, in any shyppe borow or vessell of this realme of Englande, commonly called an englyshe shyppe bottom or vessell, durynge the tyme

in the said proclamation conteyned, shall not be compelled to paye or cause to be payed any other custome or subsidie, but only accordyng to the said proclamation. And in case that any straunger or alien bozne out of this realme of Englande, or other out said soueraigne lord the kynges obepsaunce, beyng denisen or not denisen, at any tyme hereafter freight or lade, or cause to be freighted or laden any shyppe botome or vessell of any stranger or outlandyshe person, with any wares or marchandise from this realme of Englande to any outward partes: that than the same stranger or alien shall content and paye, or cause to be contented and payed to the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, all suche and like customes and subsidies as straungers and aliens bozne in other realmes haue vsed to paye, accordyng to the aunciente customes vsages and lawes of this realme of Englande: Any thyng in this present acte, or in the said proclamation conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, that if there be no suche shyppe or vessell of this realme of Englande or the dominions of the same, at or in the porte haven or place where the said straungers aliens or denisens theyr seruantes or factours woulde freight and lade theyr wares and marchandyses towarde the outward regions, that than if the said straungers or denisens theyr factours attorneis or seruantes befoze he or they do lade freight or convey the same goodes wares commoditees or marchandyses into any strange or strangers shyppe or vessell, doe notifie and declare the same lacke or want of the same englyshe shippes and vessels vnto the lord high admiral of Englande for the tyme beyng, or his lieutenant deputie or deputies, if that any of them be resident at or in the same porte or place of lading: or if the said lord hygh admiral, ne any suche his lieutenant deputie or deputies be not resident at or in the said porte or place, than if they make notice or declaration therof to the custome and comptroller of the same porte or haven, or to theyr deputie or deputies, and doe obteyne or cause a certificat to be made vnder the seale of hym, to whome suche notyce and declaration is made, of lacke of Englyshe shippes, as is abovesaid: that than it shall be lawfull to the straungers and denisens theyr factours and attourneis, for lacke and wantyng of the said englyshe shyppe and vessels, to freight and lade their said wares and marchandyses in any strange shyppe or vesselle, at that tyme beyng in the same porte or haven, and to paye none other subsidies and customes therfoze, but as the englyshe marchantes beyng the kynges naturall subiectes, dooe vse and ought to do by the lawes and customes of this realme of Englande: any article or clause to the contrary therof in this present acte conteyned in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctorite abovesaid, that al & every owner and owners maister and maisters and other gouernours of Englyshe shippes or vessels or any of them, myndyng and intendyng to make any voyage or sailyng, from the port of London into the parties beyonde the seas with his or their shyppe or vesselle, shall make publike notice and declaration of

his or their said mynde and intente of sailyng and boiage in wytyng and affix the same wytyng vnto some post or other open place or places in Lumberdestrete, there to remaine by the space of seuen dayes, declaring in the same wytyng, to what place or port he or they shal so intend to saile or make his or theyr voyage, and of the name of the shyppe and shippes, in the whiche he or they intende to saile, to the intent that marchantes may haue perspyte knowelcdege to prepare suche wares as they or any of theym wyl haue conueyed in to suche parties beyonde the seas: And also that the said owner and owners maister and maisters and other gouernours or any of them intende or make his or theyr departure from the said port of London after the fraghtyng or lading of the same shyppe or shippes, at suche tyme and as soone as wynde and wether wyl serue, accoꝝdyng to the chart partie to be made betwene the said owner or maister and the marchantes, with out protract of tyme.

AND it is also enacted by the auctozitee abovesaid, that the sayde owner and owners maister and maysters and other gouernour or gouernours of shippes and euery of them, to his or theyr power, and forasmuch as in hym or them shalbe, shal se and prouide that al wares and marchandises, whiche shal be by the said marchantes their factours or seruantes or any of them brought into any ship or vessel, shalbe honestly and in good order saued and kepte.

PROVIDED alwaie and be it enacted by the auctozitee abovesaid, that if any marchant straunger or other finde hym selfe agreued or dampnyed by negliгент keepyng of the said marchandises or wares, or by longe delayyng or protractyng of the tyme in takyng the boiage by the said owner his factor maister or any the mariners of the said shyp, otherwysse than shalbe agreed betwixt the said marchant his factor attornei or seruant & maister or owner in or by the said chart partie (not being letted by wynde or wether) shal and may haue his reinedy by waie of complaynt before the lord admirall of England for the tyme beyng, his lieutenant or depuTEE, against the said owner or owners maister or maysters gouernour or gouernours, or his or theyr factor or factours: whiche lord admirall for the tyme being, his lieutenant or depuTEE, shal and may summarily and without delay take such order and direction therein, as shalbe thought to his or theyr discretions most conuenient, and accoꝝdyng to right and iustice in that behalfe.

PROVIDED alwaie that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, extende not to giue any libertie licence benefite auctozitee profit or aduantage by any maner of meanes, to any person or persons boꝝn out of this realme of Englande, or any other our soueraigne lord the kynges dominions, of or for the shipping transpoyting conueieng or carryng of any maner of wolles or felles, out of the said realme, and other his highnes dominions, or for any longer tyme or terme than in the said proclamation & comādmēt is expessed and declared: any thing in this present act to the contrary not withstanding.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by the auctozitee abovesaid that this acte

actene any thyng therein conteyned extende oꝛ be in any wyse prejudiciall oꝛ hurtful to the marchantes of Hanse in Almayne, haupng the house in London commonly called Guyhalda Theutonorum, other wyse called the Stilleliarde, but that they and euery of them maie do in all thynges and in all places as they and euery of them shuld oꝛ myght haue done befoze the makynge of this acte, and as though this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding. So that the same marchantes do only lade in suche bottoms vessels and shippes, as belonge to and be of theyze owne portes territories and dominions priuiledged, oꝛ in englyshe bottoms vessels oꝛ shippes: and soꝛ lacke of the same englyshe shippes oꝛ bottomes, than they oꝛ euery of them maie lade in any strange bottoms vessels oꝛ shippes, after suche lyke foꝛme and maner, as they myght do befoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng conteyned in the same to the contrary not withstanding.

Provided alwaie, that the lord Admiral nor his deputie nor deputies shall in any wyse intermitte ne meddle with the lyberties of the .v. portes & the membꝛes of the same, to execute any auctoritee oꝛ iurisdiction to him graunted by vertue of this act, but that the warden of the sayd five portes foꝛ the tyme beyng oꝛ his deputie, shal oꝛ may by thautozitee aforesaid, haue and enioy al such auctorities iurisdiction and lybertes within the sayd .v. portes and membꝛes of the same, as ben graunted to the sayd hyghe Admiral by vertue of this acte within any other porte oꝛ place within this realme, any thyng within this present act to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

An acte concernynge archbishoppes bishops thes chancellours commissaries archdeacons and their officialles to be in the commission of the acte concernynge the abolicion of erroneous opinions in christen religion. Cap. xv.



WHERE IN the parlyament holden and begon at westm. the .xxviii. daye of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kynge HENRY the .viii. and there continued until the .xxviii. daye of June than next folowynge, amonges diuers other thynges a goodly acte was made, by auctoritee of the same parlyament, touchynge the abolyschment of dyuersitee of opinions concernynge christen religion, and soꝛ the full and effectuell execution of the same acte, it was then and there enacted by the same auctoritee, that immediatly after the .xii. daye of July than next folowynge, dyuers and sundry commissions shuld be made from tyme to tyme into euery wyte within this realme and roiaumes, and into suche other places within the kynges dominions, as shulde please his maiestee to be dyrected to the archbishop oꝛ byshop of the diocesses, and to his chauncellour oꝛ commissary, and to suche other persons as shulde be named by the kynges byghnesse, oꝛ by suche other as his maiestee at his pleasure shuld appoynte to name the same, whiche archbishoppe oꝛ byshoppe his chauncellour oꝛ commissary, and other persons so to be named;

of thye of theim at the least, wherof the archebyschop or byshop or his chauncellour or commissarie to be one, shoulde holde and kepe theyr sessions with in the limites of theyr commission.iii. seuerall tymes of the yere at the least or oftener, if they shoulde thinke it expedient by theyr discretions, and shoulde haue power and auctoritee by vertue of the saied acte, and theyr saied commission, as well to take informacion and accusacion by the othes and depositions of two able and lausfull persones at the leaste, as to inqurre by the othes of twelue men, of all and singular the heresyes felonyes contemptes and other offences wienponed and declared in the same acte, committed done or perpetrated within the limites of theyr commission, as by the same act amonge other thinges therein contained moze at large it dothe and maie appere. And for so muche that as well the diocese of the see of York as other dioceses within this realme, bene very wyde and large, extendyng into dyuers shires, and ben deuyded into seuerall tyddynges wapentakes and sokes, and in euery one of them, ben and heretofore vsually haue ben particular commissions for the peace, and also in dyuers of the saied dioceses bene dyuers peculiar iurisdictions of ordinarie powers, by reason wherof the archebyschops and byshops chauncellours or commissaries, or any of them, beyng of the Quorum, in the saied commissions concernynge christen religion, made accordeynge to the saied acte, can not conueniently bee at suche sessions, as necessarily ben to be holden by vertue of the same commissions, because of the longe distance of the places, where these sessions bene to bee holden within the saied dioceses, accordeynge to the tenour of the saied acte. wherby dyuers of the same sessions haue bene omitted or differred, contrary to the true meanynge of the saied acte. For reformation wherof, bee it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that in all and singular commyscions hereafter to be made within this realme, wales, or other the kynges domynions from tyme to tyme concernynge the pemysses, there shall be assigned to be commissioners with the archebyschop or byshop chauncellour or commissarie, the archdeacons and officials of euery diocese, and archdeacons iurisdictions, and such other person or persons as it shall please the kynges highnes or the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng to name and appoint to be of the Quorum, whiche saied archebyschop or byshops chauncellours commissaries and officials of archdeacons, and suche other person and persones so to bee named by the kyng our soueraigne lord, or by the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, shall haue by force of this acte, and of suche commission to them hereafter to be made and directed, the same and lyke power and auctoritee, to do and execute all thynges declared in the saied acte and statute, to all intentes and purposes, and in as ample and large maner and fourme, as the saied archebyschoppe byshop chauncellour and commissarie or any of theim, maie or ought to do by vertue of the saied former acte or commission to them made or directed.

And

¶ And ouer that bee it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery commission and commissions hereafter to be made and directed to any archbishop byshop byshoppe chauncellour commissarie archdeacon and offycall of archdeacon, or to any of thein, for the execution of the p[re]misses, by the same names of dignitee or office, that is to saie, archbishoppe byshoppe chauncellour commissarie archdeacon and official of archdeacon, or of any of them, omitting and leauing out thei[re] christen names and surnames, shalbe good and effectual in the law, to all ententes and purposes. And that they and euery of them, and euery successour of euery of them, in euery suche dignitee and office, shall haue by the same name of dignitee or offyce full power and auctoritee to here and determine to awarde and execute all thinges conteyned in euery suche commission to thein directed, in lyke maner and fourme as they myghte haue done, if they had been named by thei[re] christen names and surnames with addicions of thei[re] dignitees or offices fully expressed in the same commission: And that euery suche commission shall extend and be executed as well within euery peculpar iurisdiction and place privileged, or hauynge lybertees or fraunchises (and beyng no wyte in it selfe) beyng or lyng within the diocese and wyte or other lymitte specified in any suche commission, as els where without the same.

¶ An acte concernynge strangers.

Cap. xvi.



HE kyng our moste dreadde soueraigne lord, calling vnto his blessed remembraunce the infinite numb[er] of strangers and alpens of forein countreis and nacions, which daily do encrease and multiply within his graces realme and dominions in excessyue numb[er]s, to the great detriment hindrance losse and impouerishment of his graces naturall true lieges and subiectes of this his realme, and to the great decaye of the same, remembryng also the manyfolde good actes and statutes, whiche haue ben heretofore made, as well by his moste noble progenitours, as by his owne moste royall maiestee, for refozmacion of the same in diuers and sundry parliamentes, that is to w[ri]te: fyrste in the fyrst yere of the reygne of kyng RICHARDE the thyrde, where it was enacted, that no person, not bo[th]e vnder the same kynges obeysaunce, nor made denyen, takynge vpon hym to be an artificer or handy craftes man, shuld take nor occupie any hous or chamber within this Realme, nor abyde or remayne in the same, nor soiozne with any strange person, not beyng bo[th]e vnder the obeysaunce of the same kyng, as is aforesaid, nor exercise or occupy any craft or manuel occupation within this same realme: but that suche strangers shulde depart from this same realme within a certayne tyme appoynted by the saied estatute, oneles they were reteyned in seruice to or with any subiectes or lieges of the kyng onely, whiche were expert in the craftes or occupations. vnder payne to forfait all thei[re] goodes. And that no person, not beyng bo[th]e vnder the saied kynges obeysaunce, nor made denyen, beyng an artificer or handy craftes man, shulde

shulde make any clothe within this realme. And also that no suche stranger
 shulde selle any wares within this realme, but onely in grosse, and not by re-
 tale, vnder peyne of forfayture of the saied wares. And moze ouer, that no
 person, not beyng bozne vnder the saied kynges obeysaunce, abydyng in any
 house or chambze within this realme, occupyng any handy crafte after a
 certayne tyme in the saied act limited, shuld take any seruant to worke with
 hym, except it were his sonne or doughter, or els one of the subiectes of the
 saied kyng, and bozne vnder his obeysaunce, vnder peyne to forfayte for eue-
 ry suche default. xx. s. as in the saied act amonges other thynges moze plain-
 ly appereth. And where also in the . xiiii . and . xv . yere of the reigne of
 our saied soueraygne lord the kyng that now is, it was enacted, that no
 straunger bozne out of his graces obeysaunce, were he denisen or not deny-
 sen, vlyng any handy crafte or occupacion within this realme, shoulde take
 any apprentyce, excepte the same apprentice were bozne within his graces
 dominions and obeysaunce, vpon peyne to forfayt for euey suche apprentice
 so taken . x . l . And that also no straunger or alpen bozne, vnder lyke peyne
 vlyng any handy crafte within this realme, after a certayne time limited in
 the saied act, shuld take or haue any iourney man or couenant seruāt, except
 suche iourney man or couenant seruāt were bozne vnder his graces obeys-
 saunce. And that all maner of aliens bozne, as well beyng denysens, as not
 beyng denysens, inhabityng within the citee of London, or a certayne space
 about the same, shulde be vnder the serche and refozmacion of the wardens
 of the felowshypps of handy craftes within the saied citee of London, as in
 the saied estatute amonge other thynges moze plainly appereth. And where
 also in the parlyament of our saied soueraigne lord, holden at Wolsyn in the
 xii. yere of his most gracious reigne, it was enacted amonge other thinges,
 that no straunger shoulde kepe any mo seruauntes strangers, but onely two
 at one tyme, and that all denysens than made, or after to bee made, whiche
 woulde inhabite within the saied citee of London, or within a certayne cir-
 cuite of the same, and woulde there kepe any house, or occupie any crafte or
 occupacion, shoulde be contributozie to and with the kynges graces subie-
 ctes of the same crafte or occupacion, within the saied citee of London, pay-
 ynge bearynge and susteynyng suche charges of the same craftes men, as
 in the same acte is contened: And that they shulde also pzent them selues
 at the common halle or metyng place of the saied craftes in the citee of Lon-
 don, and there to take a coꝝpoꝝall othe befoze the maister and wardens of
 the same crafte, to bee true to our saied soueraigne lord the kyng and his
 heyyes. And also that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man, bozne
 out of his graces allegiance, not beyng denisen, shoulde set vp or kepe any
 house shoppes or chambzes, wherin they shoulde exercepse any handy crafte
 or misterie, within this realme, vppon lyke penalties as bene mencioned in
 the saied foꝝmer estatute. And that also no stranger nor denisen, not beyng
 bozne within this realme, shoulde assemble in any company feloweshyp con-
 gregacion or conuenticle, but onely in the common hal of theyꝝ craftes with
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his graces subiectes of the same crafte, vpon lyke payne, as is aforesayd, as in the sayd actes and statutes among many other thinges moze plainly appereth. Al which good hollom and beneficiall actes and statutes ben in maner infringed frustrated and defrauded, chiefly by the meanes of dyuers letters patentis obteyned by the crafty suites inuencions and practyses of suche strangers latelý made denyens in great numbze, whiche letters patentis do conteyn, that euery suche denyen shalbe as free as englyshe men naturally bozne within the kynges graces dominions and obeyssaunce, any actes oꝛ statutes made oꝛ to be made to the contrary not withstandinge: by reason wherof the sayd denyens refuse to obey and perfoꝛme suche oꝛders and directions, as in the sayd former estatutes were limited prescribed and declared, as wel to and foꝛ such strangers bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, as at that tyme were made denyens, oꝛ that after shuld be made denyens, to the great hyndzaunce and decay of the handy craftes men, being the kynges graces naturall lieges and subiectes. Foꝛ refoꝛmacion wherof, the kynges most roiall maiestee is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his moste gracious hyghnes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all maner of strangers bozne out of his graces obeyssaunce, which heretofore haue ben made denyens, oꝛ that hereafter shal be made denyens, from and after the fyrst day of Septembze next comynge, shal be bounde and obedient by and vnto all the fozesayd actes and statutes, and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes and statutes, of this realme, heretofore made nowe being in their foꝛce and not repelled: Any letters patentis oꝛ oꝛdinances heretofore made oꝛ hereafter to be made to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge. And that also in all and euery letters patentis of oꝛ foꝛ the makynge of any denyen, from and after the laste daie of this present parliament, to be made to any stranger, not beyng bozne vnder the kynges graces obeyssaunce, shalbe conteyned A pꝛouiso, that he oꝛ they, to whome suche letters patentis shalbe so made and graunted, shal be bounde and obedient by and vnto al the actes and estatutes of this realme, as is aforesaid, and to all and euery the contentes of the same: Excepte it shal be the kynges moste gracious pleasure, to graunte to any suche alien any speciall libertees oꝛ pꝛiuileges, moze oꝛ other wyse than is conteyned in the sayd estatutes. And in that case all suche libertees and pꝛiuileges so to be graunted to any suche alien, contrary to the fourme of any of the sayd estatutes, shal be plainly holly and particularly expꝛessed specified and declared by speciall wooꝛdes, as well in the byl assigned with the kynges graces hande, foꝛ obteynynge of any suche graunte, as in the letters patentis to be made out of the Chauncery, foꝛ and concernynge the same.

¶ AND furthermoze bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that no alien oꝛ stranger, denyen oꝛ not denyen, vsynge any handy crafte, beyng bozne out of the kynges graces obeyssaunce, inhabitynge within the vniuersities of Oxfoꝛde oꝛ Cambryge, oꝛ within the pꝛecinct of sainte Martyns le graunde

graunde in London, or within any other suche lyke places privileged, shall from the feast of sainte Myghell the archangell nexte commynge, retaine haue or kepe in theyr serupce any apprentyce iourneyman or seruaunte, beyng alpens bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, aboue the numbze of two persons at one time, vpon peyne and penaltie contained in the said act, made in the saied. x l i i i. and. x v. yeres of his graces reigne: Any act or prouide on heretofore made to the contrary in any wyle notwithstanding.

And that it be also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that euery alpen and straunger, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beyng denysen, whiche now or hereafter shall come in or to this realme, or els where within the kynges dominions, shall after the saied fyrst daie of September next commynge, be bounden by and vnto the lawes and statutes of this realme, and to all and synghular the contentes of the same. And that none of the kynges subiectes shall reterne or kepe together at one tyme in his householde, serupce or samplly aboue the numbze of. iiii. straungers bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce: nor that any alpen, beyng denysen, and vsyng no handie crafte, shall reterne or kepe in his householde, serupce, or samplly together at one tyme aboue the saied numbze of foure straungers, vpon peyne that the offender and offenders contrary to this article, shall lose and forsaite for euery straunger bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, reternd and kepte aboue that numbze. x. li. The moytee of all whiche forsaiteure shall be to the kynges hyghnes, his heyses and successours, and the other moytee therof to suche person or persons, as well seue for the same by original writ, bill, plynnt, or infoutmacion in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche sute none shalpe protection nor wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwaie, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned shall be hurtfull or pzeudiciall to suche proclamation as the kynges maiesties hath published and proclaymed for, and concernyng the payment of custome for straungers, graunted by the goodnesse of his maiestie to endure for certayne yeres, but that the same proclamation shall abyde be and remayne in the same plyght and strengthe that it is, and as if this acte had neuer bene made: Any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided also that euery lord of the parlyament maie kepe the numbze of. vi. straungers bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce together at one tyme: Any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all lensles of any dwelling house or shoppe within this realme, or any the kynges dominions, made to any straunger artificer or handy crafte man, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beyng denysen, from & after the saied feast of sainte Myghell the archangell nexte commynge, shall be voyde and of none effect. And that no straunger artificer or handy crafte man, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, not beyng denysen, shall after the same feast, take any lease of any dwelling house or shoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, vpon peyne to lose and forsaite for euery tyme doynge

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ping contrary to this acte one hundred shyllinges. And that no person after the same feast, shall graunte or leat to ferme any dwelling house or shop to any suche straunger artificer or handy craftes men, not beinge denysen, to the entente to dwelle or inhabyte in the same, vpon lyke peine of one hundred shyllinges. The mozttee of whiche peynes and forfaytures to be to the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the other mozttee to suche as wyll sue for the same, in maner and fourme as in this acte is aboue expressed.

In acte for ransynge of Algate to white chapell, hygh Holbozne, Chauncery lane, Grapes pynes lane, Showe lane, and Feuter lane. Cap. xvii.



HOR AS MYCHE as the strete or wate leadyng frome Algate within the citee of London, to white chapell churche without the same gate, in the countye of Midd. The lane called Chauncery lane, and the wate leadyng from the barres in Holbozn westwardes toward saint Gyles in the field. And the lane called Grapes pynes lane within the saied countie. And also the lane lyng besides saint Andzweles churche in Holbozn called Showe lane. And also the lane called Feuter lane, beinge thoroughfares and passages frome fletestrete into Holbozne within the liberties of the citee of London, be verie sowle, and ful of pittes and sloughes, very perillous and dangerous as wel for al the kynges subiectes thzough and by them reparynge and passyng as well on horsebacke as on fote, as also with cariage: for the amendment and refozmacion wherof, it maie please the kynges hyghnes, with the assente of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of his commons in this his hygh court of parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that it maie be ordeyned established and enacted, that all and every person bodies politike and corpozate, whiche now haue or at any tyme hereafter shall haue any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeshipp of any heyre duringe the nonage of the same heyre, or by execution, by wytte of elegit, or for any estatute of the staple, lying and being betwene the saied gate called Algate and white chapell churche next adioining to the saied high wate, or next adioyning to any of the saied lanes or waies, called Chauncery lane, Grapes pynes lane, Showe lane, Feuter lane, and the wate from the barres in Holbozne westwardes to the south ende of high Holbozne, shall on this syde the frafte of the narrittee of saint Johñ baptyst, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord God. M. D. XLII. well and sufficiently paue or cause to be paued with paupng stone, the bylge at Holbozne barres at the causey begynnynge at the same barres, vnto the ende of hygh Holbozne westwardes, as far as any habitation or dwelling is on bothe the sydes of the same strete: And also the causey or hygh wate leadyng from Algate to white chapell churche: And the lane called Chauncery lane from the barres besides the Rolles late made and set by by the lord pynne seale, vnto the saied hygh wate in Holbozn: And the saied lane called Grapes

ynes lane from Holborne barres northwarde, as farre as any habitation
is there: And also the lanes called Shob lane and Feuter lane, every man
suche parte and quantitee of the same causes and lanes unto the middes of
the same causes and lanes, and every of them in length, as his or theyr lan-
des or tenementes do lye or extende, in lyke maner and forme as the cause
or hygh waye leading from Strand bridge to Charing crosse is made and
paved: And also the lanes called Shob lane and Feuter lane in every parte
of the same lanes as other streets within the citee of London be paved, with
a rall in the middes of the same lanes, bypon payne every persone in his
owne defaulte, to so faste for every parde square of the same causes and
lanes, and of every of them, not sufficiently paved before the saied feast of
sainct Johñ baptiste. vi. d. And that all and every suche persons haupng, or
whiche hereafter shall have landes or tenementes in fee simple, fee tale,
or for terme of lyfe, or otherwyle as is aforesaid, adopyng or lpyng to
and nexte eyther syde of the same causes or lanes, or any of them, their heyr-
es, assignes, or successours, after and from the saied feast of saincte Johñ
baptist, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. d. xlii. shall perely
mentene and repaire the same pavements and every of them ouer against
his saied landes and tenementes well and sufficiently from tyme to tyme,
as often and whan as nede shall require at all tymes hereafter with paying
none, bypon payne to so faste for every parde square not sufficiently paved
vi. d. as often as any suche defaulte of any person shall be presented before
the iustice of pece within the saied countie of Midd, for that parte of the
saied wate bepyge within the saied countie of Midd, And before the mai-
re aldermen or iustices of the peare within the citee of London, for that whi-
che is within the libertees of the saied citee.

And be it further enacted by the saied auctorite, that the iustices of peare
of the saied countie of Midd, for the tyme being, shall have full power and
auctoritee to enquire in every quarter sessions, to be kept after the sayd feast
of saincte Johñ Baptist, by the othe of. xli. men of the saied countie, as wel of
them that have not paved suche parte or porcion of the saied causes and
entry of them beinge within the saied countie ouer against and along unto
the middes of the same causes, as their landes, and tenementes, do lye ex-
tende or lyghe, as also of suche persons as have bene remysse and neglygent
in amendinge and repayng the same causes from tyme to tyme, as nede
shall require accoording to the meanyng of this acte.

And also bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the Mayre of
London aldermen and iustices of the peare of the same citee for the tyme be-
pyng, shall have lyke power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte, to enquire,
bothe in their quarter sessions and all wardemote enquestes to be kept with-
in the citee of London after the saied feast of the natiuitee of sainct Johñ bap-
tist, by the othe of. xli. men of every warde within the saied citee and libertees
therof, as well of all suche persone and persons, that from tyme to tyme as
nede dothe and shall requyre, have not paved suche parte and porcion of the

streets and lanes within the said cite and liberties thereof, and also within
 all privileged places being within the said cite and liberties thereof: And
 also of all such person and persons as be remissive and negligent in main-
 taining and repairing of the same streets and lanes; and every of them, as
 often and when as need requireth; according to the purpose of this acte,
 upon like peines and penalties to be assessed and altered upon the offenders
 within the said cite and liberties thereof in every condition, as be limited
 before; for them which doe not pave and repaire the said causes in Hol-
 boorne, Chauncery lane, and without Aldgate. And that the said iustices
 of peace, within the said countie of Midd, for the tyme being, within their
 jurisdiction, shall have full power and auctorite by their discretions to as-
 sesse and set fines, upon such persons as shalbe remissive and negligent to
 make default in the observing of the tenour of this acte. And if the said
 iustices of peace within the said countie of Midd, or the maire and alder-
 men and iustices of peace of the said cite of London, at any their quar-
 sessions after the said feast of the nativitee of saint Johs baptist, to be hol-
 den and kept within the said countie of Midd, by the iustices of peace of the
 same countie, or the maire aldermen and iustices of peace of the cite of Lon-
 don at any their quarter sessions or enquestes of wardemote kept within
 the cite of London, be negligent & remissive on their partes to charge by othe
 such persons to finde and present the said defaultes & negligence of all per-
 sons offending contrary to the meaning of this acte: Than the said iustices
 of peace within the said countie of Midd, being present at the same quarter
 sessions, to lose and forfeite for every tyme so negligently the said charge
 C. s. And in lyke wise the Maire aldermen and iustices of peace of Lon-
 don for every lyke default and neglecting, to lose and forfeite. C. s.
 And be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that the clerke of peace
 of the said countie of Midd, for the tyme being, shall from tyme to tyme
 certifie into the kynges eschequer, as well all such fines and forfeitures
 so assessed within the said countie lost and forfeited before the said iustices
 of Midd, in to the kynges eschequer, to the vse of the kynges highnes and
 his heires. And the barons of the said eschequer to make out processe by
 distresse to be taken and levied upon the said landes and tenementes or
 therwise by their discretions, as well for the said fines assessed, as also for
 the said forfeitures and penalties before limited. And if the clerke of the
 peace within the said countie of Midd, be remissive and negligent in making
 such certifiat, or dooing his dutie according to this acte: than the same
 clerke to lose and forfeite for every such default. v. li. the one halfe to be to
 the vse of the kynges highnes, and the other halfe to the vse of any the kynges
 subiectes that will sue for the same in any the kynges courtes, by bill
 action, informacion, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe escheyne or pro-
 tection shall lye for the defendaunt.
 And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the maire, al-
 dermen, and iustices of peace within the cite of London and suburbs of the

the same, 02.iii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this acte shall haue full power and auctoritee from tyme to tyme, to set fynes and amerciamentes on all and singular persons, for not payng and repayng of any strete lane, stretes or lanes, within the saied citee or lybertees of the same, whiche now be paied, or by force of this act hereafter shall be paied: and the same fynes and amerciamentes to bee leuyed by distresse playnte or action within the same citee, by the chamberlayne of the saied citee for the tyme beyng, to the vse of the maire and commynalte of the saied citee and chey: successours, as other fynes and amerciamentes for any other mattier or cause within the saied citee haue ben vled and accustomed.

Wherby also, that if the inhabitantes of suche landes or tenementes dooe sufficiently repayre and paue befoze they mancions and dwelling places, the saied stretes lanes and causeis, that than euery suche inhabitant by vertue of this act shall defalke abate and retene in his handes as muche of the rent due vnto his lessor, as he can proue to haue expended in and about the same payng. And the lessor for so muche money, as suche summe dothe amounte vnto, to haue no action trentre or other remedie for none payment of the same, onelesse it be otherwyle agreed betwene them.

An acte for redifying of decayed houses in sundry townes and places of the realme. Cap. xviii.



FOR AS MYCHE AS there haue ben in tyme past diuers and many beautifull houses of habitacion within the walles and lybertees of the citees, boroughes, and townes of Yorke, Lincolne, Canturbury, Couentre, Bathe, Chichester, Salebury, Wynchester, Byrskowe, Scarburghe, Hereforde, Colchester, Rochester, Portesmouthe, Poole, Lynne, Feuerham, Worcester, Stafforde, Buckyngham, Donstret, Grant-ham, Excester, Ipswiche, Southamton, great Yermouth, Orenforde, great Wiccombe, Gulsforde, Eftredforde, Kyngston vpon Hull, Newcastell vpon Tyne, Beuerley, Bedforde, Leycester and Bartwike, and nowe are fallen downe, decayed, and at this date remaine vncredified, and dooe lye as desolate and vacante groundes, many of them nyghe adioynng to the hyghe stretes, replenyshed with muche vncleannes and fylthe, with pyttes sellers and vantes lyng open and vncouered, to the great peryll and daunger of the inhabitantes and other the kynges subiectes passynge by the same: and some houses be feble and very lyke to falle downe, daungerous to passe by, whiche decates are to the great impouerishynge and hynderaunce of the same citees, boroughes, and townes. It maie therfore please the kyng our soueraigne lord, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, that it maie bee enacted by auctoritee of the same, that if any persone or persones, or bodies polypke, beyng owners or possessioners of any suche desolate or boyde groundes, that haue bene at any tyme within fyue and twentie ye-

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res, immediately past before the .xii. date of April, in the .xxxi. yere of his maies
 Maies reigne, builded for houses of habitation, or of any other house or hou-
 ses of habitation, nowe or hereafter beinge in decaye, and not fully fallen
 down, within the libertees or precinctes of any of the saied cities boroughes
 or townes, do not sufficiently reedifie builde and repayre, or cause to be ree-
 dified buylde and repayred the saied desolate voyde groundes or decayed
 houses, conueniente for habitation and dwellynge, within .iii. yeres nexte
 after proclamation therof to be made in or vpon the same voyde groundes or
 groundes, decayed house or houses by the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or o-
 ther head officers of euery of the saied cities boroughes or townes, by what
 name or names so euer they be incorpored, euery of them within the pre-
 cincte of theyr owne auctoritee: that than it shall bee lawfull to the lordes or
 lordes, of whom suche desolate voyde groundes, or decayed or ruinous hou-
 ses ben holden, after the saied thre yeres expyred, to entre into the same, and
 to haue the same groundes or houses to them and to theyr heyres or succes-
 sours, to theyr owne propre viles for euer: so that the saied lordes or lordes so
 entryng by auctoritee of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie builde and repaire
 the same voyde groundes or decayed houses within .ii. yeres nexte and im-
 mediately folowynge the determination of the saied .iii. yeres. And in case
 suche lordes or lordes as maie entre by this acte, dooe not entre, and well and
 sufficiently reedifie buylde or repayre the same voyde groundes or decayed
 houses within the saied .ii. yeres to them limited by this acte, that than it
 shall be lawfull to all suche person or persons, or bodies polypke, as shall
 than haue any rent charge goyng seuerally out of any the saied voyde ground
 or groundes, or decayed house or houses in any of the saied cities boroughes
 or townes, immediately after the saied .ii. yeres expyred, to entre into the
 same, and to haue the same voyde groundes or decayed houses to them, their
 heyres or successors for euer, to theyr owne propre vyle: so that the saied
 persone or persones or bodies politike, haunyng the saied rent charge, en-
 tringe by auctoritee of this acte, do sufficiently builde reedifie and repayre the
 same desolate and voyde groundes or groundes or decayed house or houses
 within one yere nexte and immediately folowynge the determination of the
 saied .ii. yeres, to the saied lordes or lordes appoynted by this acte. And in
 case suche person or persones or bodies politike, haunyng the saied rentes
 charges, as maie entre by this acte, dooe not entre and well and sufficiently
 reedifie builde and repayre the same void groundes or decayed houses, with-
 in the saied one yere to them appoynted by vertue of this acte: that than it
 shall be lawfull to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or commynalte, or other
 heade officers of the saied cities boroughes and townes, by what name or
 names so euer they be incorpored, or theyr successors, euery of them with-
 in the lymittes of theyr auctoritees, immediately after the saied yere expyred
 into euery suche desolate or voyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses to
 entre, and the same groundes and houses and euery of them, to holde and
 enioy to them and theyr successors for euer clerely discharged of all rent go-
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punge out of the saied groundes oꝝ houses, as well against the saied loꝝde oꝝ loꝝdes, as all person oꝝ persons, oꝝ bodieꝝ polypke, haupng any suche rent oꝝ rentes, as befoꝛe is saied, so that the same Mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, and cominalltee, oꝝ other heade officers, as is afoꝛesaied, oꝝ theyꝝ successours, foꝛ the time beyng, do reedifie builde oꝝ repayꝛe, oꝝ cause to be reedified builded and repayꝛed, the same grounde and groundes, house oꝝ houses, within thye peres next and immediatly folowpnge the determination of the saied pere, to suche person oꝝ persons, oꝝ bodieꝝ politike, that shall have any suche rent as is afoꝛesaied. And in case the saied mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, cominalltee, oꝝ other head officers, as is afoꝛesaied, oꝝ theyꝝ successours, do not entre and reedifie builde & repayꝛe the same boꝛde ground oꝝ groundes, oꝝ decayed house oꝝ houses, in fouꝛme befoꝛesaied, within the saied terme of iii. peres, after their saied entre: that than it shall be lausful to the fyꝛst owner oꝝ owners, possessor oꝝ possessor of suche boꝛde grounde oꝝ groundes, oꝝ decayed house oꝝ houses, theyꝝ heꝛes oꝝ successours, immediately after the saied. iii. peres to the saied mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, cominalltee, oꝝ other head officers, as is befoꝛesaied limited, expired, into the same ground oꝝ groundes, house oꝝ houses, to reentre, and the same to reteꝛne to them, theyꝝ heꝛes oꝝ successours, as in theyꝝ fyꝛst estate: any thynge conteyned in this pꝛesent act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this pꝛesent act, noꝛ any thynge therein conteyned, be in any wyse pꝛejudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to any person oꝝ persones, beyng at the time of the saied pꝛoclamacion made vnder the age of. xxi. peres, oꝝ to any woman beyng married, oꝝ to any person oꝝ persons beyng in pꝛyson, oꝝ beyond the sea in the kynges warres, oꝝ in his other lausfull affayꝛes, durynge suche tyme as suche person oꝝ persons shall be within age, married, in pꝛyson, oꝝ beyond the sea: so that the same person oꝝ persons, after he oꝝ they shall come to the age of. xxi. peres, oꝝ beyng not married, out of pꝛyson, oꝝ come agayne within this realme, within thye peres nexte ensupng, doo reedifie the same desolate oꝝ boꝛde groundes, oꝝ repayꝛe the decayed houses.

¶ In other act foꝛ reedifying of decayed houses in sundry townes of the west partes. Cap. xix.



FOR AS muche as in tyme paste dyuers and many beautiful houses of habitation haue bene within the wailles and libertees of the boꝛoughes, and townes of Shafton, Shireburne, Birtport, Doꝛcester, and Wemmouth within the countie of Doꝛcet, and the boꝛoughes & townes of Plymmouth, Plymton, Barstable, Taustocke, and Dartemouth, within the countie of Deuonshire, and the boꝛoughes and townes of Lancelston, Lyskerde, Lestuthiel, Bodman, Truru, and Helsington within the countie of Cornwall, and the boꝛoughes and townes of Bigewater, Cauntton, Somerton, and Ilchester, within the countie of Somers. and the boꝛoughe of Maldon in the countie of Essex, and also the boꝛoughe and wyꝛe towne of

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waite in the countie of waite, whiche nowe are fallen downe, decayed, and
 at this tyme remayne vntreedified, lyng as desolate and voyde groundes,
 and many of them adioynng nigh vnto the hygh stretes, replenished with
 muche ordure fylthe and vncleannesse, with pittes sellers and bautes, ly-
 yng open and vncouered, to the great perill and daunger of all the inha-
 bytautes and other the kynges subiectes passyng by the same: and some
 houses be very weake and feble redy to fall downe, and therfore dangerous
 to passe by, to the great decaie and hyndraunce of the saied boroughes and
 townes. It maie bee therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord,
 by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in
 this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that
 if any persone or persones or bodie polittike, beyng owners or possessio-
 ners of any suche desolate or voyde groundes, that at any tyme within fyue
 and twentye yerres nexte befoze the makynge of this acte, haue been buyl-
 ded for houses of habytacion, or of any other howse or howses of habita-
 cion, nowe or hereafter beyng in decaie, and not fully fallen downe, within
 the libertees or pzeinctes of any of the saied boroughes and townes, dooe
 not sufficiently reedifie buylde and repayze or cause to be reedified buylde
 and repayted the saied desolate voyde groundes and decayed houses con-
 uenient for habitacion and dwellynge, within thye yerres nexte after pro-
 clamacion to be made in or vpon the same voyde grounde or groundes de-
 cayed house or houses by the Mayres, Baylyffes, or other heade officers of
 euery of the saied boroughes and townes, by what name or names so euer
 they be incorpozated, euery of them within the pzeinct of theyr owne aucto-
 ritees: that than it shall bee lafull to the hyghe lord or lordes, of whome
 suche desolate and voyde groundes, decayed or ruynous houses be holden,
 after the saied thye yerres bee expyred, to entre into the same, and to haue
 the same groundes or houses to them and to theyr heyres or successours to
 theyr owne propre vse for euer: so that the saied lord or lordes entryng by
 the auctoritee of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie buylde or repayze the same
 voyde groundes or decayed houses within .ii. yerres nexte and immediatly
 folowynge the determination of the foresaied thye yerres. And in case su-
 che lord or lordes as maie entre by this acte, dooe not entre and well and
 sufficiently reedifie buylde or repayze the same voyde groundes or decayed
 houses within the saied .ii. yerres to them lymitted by this acte: that than
 it shall be lafull to all suche person or persons, or bodie polittike, as shall
 than haue any rent charge goynge seuerallye oute of the saied voyde
 grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in any of the saied bo-
 roughes or townes immediatly after the saied .ii. yerres expyred, to entre in
 to the same, and to haue the same voyde groundes, or decayed howses, to
 them, and to theyr heyres or successours for euer, to theyr owne propre vse:
 so that the saied persone or persones or bodie polittike, haupnge the saied
 rent charge, entryng by auctoritee of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie buylde
 and repayze the same desolate and voyde grounde or groundes or decayed
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house or houses within one yere nexte and immediatly folowynge the determination of the saied .ii. yeres, to the saied lord or lordes appoynted by this acte. And in case suche persone or persones or bodies politike, haupnge the saied rentes charges as maie entre by this acte, do not entre and well and sufficiently reedifie, builde or repayre the same voyde groundes or houses decayde within one yere to them appoynted by vertue of this acte: that than it shall be lafull to the mayres bayliffes or comminaltee, or other heade officers of the saied boroughes and townes, by what name or names so ever they be incorporated, or they successors, euery of them within the tyme of the saied auctoritees immediatly after the saied yere expyred, into euery suche desolate or voyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses to entre, and the same groundes or houses and euery of them, to holde and enioy to them and their successors for euery, clerely discharged of all rentes, goynge out of the same groundes or houses, as well againste the saied lord or lordes, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, haupnge any suche rente or rentes, as befoze is saied: that the same Mayre, Bayliffes, and comminaltee, or other heade officers as is aforesaid, or they successors for the tyme beyng, doe reedifie, builde, or repayre, or cause to be reedified builded or repayred the same grounde or groundes house or houses within thre yeres nexte and immediatly folowynge the determination of the saied yere to suche persone or persones or bodies politike that shall haue any rente as is aforesaid. And in case the saied mayres bayliffes comminaltee or other heade officers, as is aforesaid, they successors, do not entre and reedifie, builde, or repayre the same voyde grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, in fourtine aforesaid, within the saied terme of thre yeres after they saied entree: that than it shall bee lafull to the fyrste owner or owners possessor or possessors, of suche voyde grounde or groundes or decayed house or houses, they heires or successors immediatly after the shiede thre yeres to the saied Mayre, Bayliffes, comminaltee, or other heade officers, as is afoze lytted, expyred, into the same grounde or groundes to entre, and the same to reterne to them they heires and successors, as in they fyfte estate: Any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

Wherby alwaie, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, bee nor in any wyse hurtfull nor prejudiciall to any persone or persones, beyng at the tyme of the saied proclamation made, vnder the age of one and twenty yeres, or to any woman beyng married, or to any persone or persones beyng in prison, or beynde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other lafull affayres, durynge suche tyme as suche person or persons shall be within age, married, in prison, or beynde the sea: soo that the same persone or persones, after that he or they come to they plaine age, be vntymed, out of prison, or come againe within this realme, within thre yeres nexte ensuyng, dooe reedifie the same desolate or voyde groundes, or repaire the saied decayed houses.



HERE DIVERS and sundre scites circuits and p^{ro}uinc^{es} of late monasteries abbathies p^{ro}uinc^{es} nuncies colleges hospitalles and other ecclesiastical and religious houses and places, and dyners honours castels manours messuages landes tenementes libertees priuileges franchises and other hereditamentes, by dyners and sundre statutes heretofore made, ben assigned limited and appoynted to the order rule surtey and gouernaunce of the courte of our soueraigne lord the kyng, called the courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same, by the whiche statutes it is not fully plainly no^r exp^{re}ssly declared o^r reherced, howe and in what wyse, and by what speciall officers and ministers, the libertees priuileges and franchises, which the late owners of the same scites circuits p^{ro}uinc^{es} honours castels manours messuages landes tenementes and other the p^{re}misses had v^{se}d and exercysed, shoulde bee ordered v^{se}d exercysed and put in execution. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons of this p^{re}sent parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that all singular the same libertees franchises priuileges and tempozall iurisdictiones, whiche the saied late owners had v^{se}d and exercysed lawfully by them selues, o^r by they^r officers o^r ministers, o^r might haue v^{se}d o^r exercysed within .iii. monethes nexte befoze that the saied scites circuits p^{ro}uinc^{es} honours, castelles, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, and other the p^{re}misses, came to the possession of the kynges highnes, shall be by vertue of this p^{re}sent acte reu^{er}sued, and bee really and actually in the kynges highnes his heires and successours, and shall be in the rule order surtey and gouernaunce of the kynges saied courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same. And that the same libertees franchises priuileges and tempozall iurisdictiones, and all maner fines issues amerciamentes and other p^{ro}fit^{es} and commodities, of what kyndes o^r natures so euer they be, commynge growynge o^r rylynge by reason o^r occasion of them o^r of any of them, shall be v^{se}d exercysed and occupied to all intentes, purposes, condicions, and respectes, and shall be claymed leuied collected and taken by such stewardes bailiffes and other officers and ministers, as shall please the kynges highnes to name & appoynt, in like maner forme facion and condicion as they o^r any of them were lawfully v^{se}d exercysed executed claymed leuied collected and taken befoze that they came to the handes and possession of our sayd soueraigne lord, and that the same stewardes, bailiffes, officers and ministers, shall bee accountable fo^r the issues and reuenues of they^r bailiwikes and offices, and shall be compelled to accoumpte in the saied courte of Augmentacions, like as the kynges receiuours o^r other officers accomptantes in that courte here tofoze

tofoze hane dooen oꝝ owe to dooe.

And where also dyuers and sundrye scytes circuits and pꝛocinctes, of late monasteries abbeyes pꝛiorities nuncies colleges hospitalles and other ecclesiasticall and religious houses and places, and also dyuers honours castelles manours messuages landes tenementes lybertees pꝛiuileges fraunchises and other hereditamentes, whiche bene comon to the kynges handes by attainder oꝝ attainders of highe treason, ben assigned limited and appoynted to the order rule suruey and gouernaunce of the kynges generall surueyours. And soꝝ as muche as it is not fully plainly noꝝ expressly knowne oꝝ declared, howe and in what wyse, and by what speciall officers and ministers the tempoꝛall lybertees pꝛiuileges fraunchises and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, whiche the late owners of the saied scytes circuits pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours messuages landes tenementes and other the pꝛemysse had vsed and exercised, shulde be ordered, vsed and put in execution: Be it therfoze enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all and singular the same lybertees fraunchises pꝛiuileges and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, whiche the late owners of the saied scytes circuits pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours and other the pꝛemysse, whiche ben comen to the kynges handes by attainders, as is aforesaid, lawfully had vsed and exercised by them selves oꝝ by their officers oꝝ ministers, oꝝ whiche they myght haue vsed oꝝ exercised within thre monethes nexte befoze that the same scytes circuits pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours and other the pꝛemysse came to the possession of the kynges hyghnes, shall be by vertue of this act, renewed, and be really and actually in the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours, and shalbe in the rule order suruey and gouernaunce of the kynges saied generall surueyours, and of the officers and ministers of the same. And that the same lybertees fraunchises pꝛiuileges and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, and all maner synes issues and incrementes, and other pꝛofytes and commodities, of what kyndes oꝝ natures so euer they be, comynge growynge oꝝ risyng by reason oꝝ occasion of them oꝝ any of them, shall be vsed exercised and executed to all intentes purposes condicions and respectes, and shall be claymed leuyed collected and taken by such stewardes bailiffes and other officers and ministers as shall please the kynges hyghnes to name and appoynte, soꝝ the same, in lyke maner fourme facyon and condicion as they oꝝ any of them were vsed exercised executed claymed leuyed collected and taken befoze they came to the handes and possession of our saied soueraigne lord, by attainder, as is aforesaid. And that the saied stewardes bailiffes officers and ministers therof shalbe accomptant soꝝ the issues and reuenues of theyr bailiwikes and offices, and shall be compelled to accompte befoze the saied generall surueyours as other officers accomptantes in that court heretofore hane dooen oꝝ owe to dooe.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the saied stewardes bailiffes and other officers and ministers shall bee attendant and obedient to all other the kynges courtes, as well soꝝ all executions and retournes of writtes

tes warrantes and pceptes, as for thep; personall apparances and other duties of thep; offices, like as the officers and ministers of the saied late owners dyd and ought to do, or shulde haue done by reason of thep; saied seuerall offices, befoze that the same libertees p;uileges and tempo; all iurisdiccions dydde come to the possession of our saied soueraigne lo;de, and that to be dooen and obserued vpon all peynes and penalties by the lawes of this realme h;mitted and ordeyned for any offence or defaute in the same. And that no thep;se vnder thep;se no; other offycer or minister of any thep;se or other fozein offycer or minister, shall in any wyse intromyt or medell in, with, or vpon any of the p;remises, other wyse or in any other maner, nor for any other cause, than they or any of them lawfully might haue dooen befoze the same p;remises did come to the possession of our saied soueraigne lo;de.

E Provided alwaie and be it enacted, that all and singular persons and bodies polittike and the hep;es successours and assignes of euery of thep;se, shall haue holde vse execute and exercise aswell by them selues, thep; officers seruauntes and ministers, as by and for thep; tenants sermours & cellantes, all and singular libertees p;uileges and franchises, which they or any of them nowe haue by or from the kynges maiesty by any letters patentes endentures w;tynges vnder any his h;ghnes scales, or by auctoritee of parlyament or other wyse, or by the lawfull graunt or leasse of any person or persons, or by any other meanes, or lawfull title, in as large ample and beneficial maner to all intents respectes and purposes, as they or any of them now haue, or of ryght ought to haue the saied libertees franchises and p;uileges or any of them, and as though this acte had neuer been had ne made, any thynge aboute w;riten not withstanding: The p;uileges of sanctuaries, churche, churchyardes, or cemeteries, for tunction of transgressours and espendours onely excepted. Saying to all and singular persons and bodies polittike, and the hep;es successours and assignes of euery of theim, all such offyce and offyces, fees, annuities, p;ofytes, and commoditees, whiche they or any of them nowe haue, or of ryght oughte to haue, in or vppon, or by reason of the saied lites, vicuities, p;ocinetes, castels, honours, manours, mo;tiages, landes, tenementes, libertees, franchises, p;uileges, and other the p;remises, or in any parte or parcell of them, in as large and ample maner, fourme facion and condicion to all respectes and purposes, as if this acte had neuer been had nor made; any thynge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And further mo;e be it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parlyament, that the Chauncellour of the saied courte of augmentacions nowe beinge, and euery of his successours, beinge Chauncellour of the same court, and the kynges generall attourner, & his graces attourney of the said court of Augmentacion for the tyme beinge, and euery of them, and thep; successours and the successours of euery of theim, shall haue full power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte, to take to the vse of the kyng our soueraigne lo;de, his hep;es and successours, knowlages of all maner of conto; des for

lines there vpon to be had and recorde in the court of our saied soueraigne
 lord the kyng, and of his heyyes and successours, commonly called the common
 place, of and vpon all and singular manours lordshippes landes tenementes
 and other hereditamentes, being and whiche by reason of those lines or other-
 wise shalbe vnder the ordre rule or survey of the saied court of Augmentaci-
 ons, without any fine or fee to be payed for the same. And that the iudges &
 iustices for the tyme beyng of the saied court called the common place, and
 theyr successours, shal accepte receiue and allowe all the saied knowlages
 of concordies by the saied chancellour and attourneys, or any of them, to
 be certified or deliuered into the saied court, called the common place.
 And the same to be as effectuell in the lawe to all intentes and purposes,
 as if the same knowlages of concordies hadde bene made taken or know-
 laged before the chiefe iudge of the saied common place out of the same
 court, or openly in that court. And also that the saied chancellour and
 attourneys for the tyme beyng, and euery of them, and the successours of
 euery of them, shal haue full power and auctoritee, to take knowlage
 for enrolmentes of all deedes made or to be made to the vse of the kyng
 our soueraigne lord, his heyyes and successours, of any manours landes
 and tenementes, and of all obligacions to be made to the kyng, his heires
 and successours, or to other persone or persons to the vse of the kyng, his
 heires and successours for any matter or cause concernyng the saied court of
 augmentacions, or concernyng the saied manours landes and tenementes,
 without any fee gyfte or rewarde by them or any of them to be taken ther-
 fore. And the same dede so knowlaged to be intolled or registred in the saied
 court of augmentacion, and so beyng there intolled and registred amonges
 other recordes there remainyng, and the intollementes and registringes
 of the same, to stande and be of recorde, and of as good strengthe and effect
 as if the same were or had bene knowlaged before any other iudge or iusti-
 ce of recorde, and enrolled in any other court of recorde.

¶ Provided alwaies & be it enacted by thauentice aforesaid, that in all such
 of the saied libertees franchises and places privileged, and in euery of them,
 lympited to the saied court of augmentacions and to the surveyors court,
 where so euer the kynges highnes in his owne most copall person shal come
 to rest tary abyde or make his repose within this his realme, or any of his
 dominions, within libertee or without, there and within the viрге limited &
 accustomed to his graces court, during the tyme of his abode, the steward
 or great master of his graces householde, the marshall, coroner, clerke of
 the market, and all other his ministers, shal and maye hepe theyr courtes
 for Justice, and exerceise their office and offices, as shal apperteyne to them,
 accordyng to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme, as well with
 in libertees and franchises as without. And that his graces clerkes of the
 market and none other during the same tyme as well within the saied liber-
 ties and franchises as without, shal exerceise the office of clerkes of the mar-
 ket within the saied viрге, any privilege graunt allowance or other thynge
 to

to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Wherbynded alwaie, that this article nexte befoze reherfed, oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned bee not in any wise pꝛejudiciall to the citee of London, but that the same citee shall haue and vse suche libertees as they mought, if that article had neuer ben had ne made.

And where also the sites circuittes and pꝛocinctes of the late monastrie of Furnes, and of the late monasteries and pꝛioꝛies of Cartemele, Conyngeshed, Bursough, and Hollande, and also oꝛuers honours castelles mandites messuages landes tenementes lꝑbertees pꝛiuitleges fraunchises and other hereditamentes, late parcell and appertaynyng to the saied late monasteries & pꝛioꝛies, oꝝ to any of them, whiche ben comen into the kynges handes, been assigned limited and appoynted to the oꝛdꝛe rule suruey and governance of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the Countie palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster. And so; as much as it is not fully plainly noꝝ expꝛessely known oꝝ declared, howe and in what wyse, and by what especiall officers and ministers, the tempoꝛal libertees pꝛiuitleges fraunchises and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, whiche the late owners of the saied sites circuittes pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours messuages landes tenementes and other the pꝛemysse had vsed oꝝ exercised, shoulde be oꝛdered vsed and put in execution. Be it therfoze enacted by the auctoritee also; esated, that all and singular the same libertees fraunchises pꝛiuitleges and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, whiche the saied late owners of the saied sites circuittes pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours and other the pꝛemysse lawfully had vsed and exercised by them selves, oꝝ by theyꝝ officers oꝝ ministers, oꝝ whiche they myght haue vsed oꝝ exercised within. iii. monethes nexte befoze the same sites circuittes pꝛocinctes honours castelles manours and other the pꝛemysse, came to the possession of the kynges highnes, shall be by vertue of this acte reuꝛued, and be really and actually in the kynges hyghnes his heꝛes and successours, and shall be foꝛeuer in the rule oꝛdꝛe suruey and gouernance of the saied chauncellour officers and ministers of the saied countie palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster. And that the same libertees fraunchises pꝛiuitleges and tempoꝛall iurisdiccions, and all maner of fynes pꝛiuites amerciamentes and other pꝛofytes and commodities, of what kyndes oꝝ nature soeuer they be, comyng growyng oꝝ rysyng by reason oꝝ occasion of them oꝝ of any of them, shalbe vsed exercised and executed to all purposes ententes condicions and respectes, and shall be claimed leuied collected and taken by suche stewardes bailiffes and other officers and ministers, as shall please the kynges highnes to name and appoyner foꝝ the same, in lyke maner soꝛme & condicio, as ther oꝝ any of them were vsed exercised executed claimed leuied collected and taken befoze they came to the handes and possession of our said soueraigne loꝛde. And that the saied steward bailiffes officers and ministers shalbe compelled to accompt foꝝ the same, befoze the saied chauncellour officers and ministers of the saied countie palantyne and Duchy of Lancaster, as other officers and accountantes in the court of the saied Duchy, heretofore

foze haue done o; owe to do.

¶ AND be it enacted by thauento:itee afozeſaid, that the ſaid ſtewardes baſyliffes and other officers and miniſters ſhall be attendant and obedient to all other the kinges courttes, as well fo; all excecutions and retournes of wryttes warranttes and p;ceptes, as fo; perſonall apparances and other duties of they; offices, lyke as the officers and miniſters of the ſaid late owners, dyd and ought to do, o; ſhulde haue done, by reaſon of they; ſaid ſeueral offices, befoze that the ſame lybertees, p;uileges, and tempo;all iuriſdictions dyd come to the poſſeſſion of our ſaid ſoueraigne lo;de, and that to be done and obſerued vpon all peynes and penalties by the lawes of this realme limited and o;deined fo; any offence o; defaulte in the ſame, and that no ſheriffe, hnder ſherif o; other officer o; miniſter of any ſheriffe, o; other fozen officer o; miniſter, ſhall in any wyſe intromit o; medle in with o; vppon any of the p;emiſſes, otherwyſe, o; in any other maner, o; fo; any other cauſe thā they o; any of them lawfully might haue done befoze the ſame p;emiſſes dyd come to the poſſeſſion of our ſaid ſoueraigne lo;de.

¶ Couped alwaies that this acte no; any thyng therein conteyned ſhall in any wiſe extend to abrogate adnu; diminuiſhe no; to take awaye any libertees franchises p;uileges iuriſdictions realtees o; any other p;ofytes commodities and aduantages, what ſo euer they be, belongyng, o; in any wiſe apperteyning to any the kynges caſtels honours manours landes tenementtes o; other his poſſeſſions of his ſaid countie palantyne of Lancaſter and Duchy of Lancaſter, o; of either of them: but that all ſuche libertees franchises p;uileges iuriſdictions royaltees and all other ſuche p;ofytes commodities, and aduantages, what ſo euer they be, ſhall be receiued taken and answered to the kynges hyghnes his heyres and ſucceſſours, by the chancellor officer and miniſters of the ſaid countie palantyne of Lancaſter and Duchy of Lancaſter and either of them, as heretofore hath bene vſed and dooen at any tyme befoze the .iiii. daie of february, in the .xxvi. yere of his moſt noble reigne: Inp thyng matter o; claue in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyſe notwithstanding.

¶ Couped alwaies, that this acte, o; any thyng therein conteyned, dooe not extende to dyſanulle o; be hurtfull to any of the lybertees o; p;uileges of the .v. portes o; the memb;es of the ſame: but that they and eury of them, ſhall enjoy, poſſeſſe and haue, all and ſingular libertees, customes, and grauntes to them graunted heretofore by the moſt famous p;ince of memo;ie kyng Edward the fourth, and other his noble p;ogenitours, confirmed by our ſoueraigne lo;de the kinges maieſtee, that now is, in lyke maner and fourme as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ The abbeuacion and limitation of Crinitee terme. Cap. xxi.

V WHERE THE terme called Crinitee terme of longe tyme hath bene and yet is yerely vſed to bee holden and kepte in ſuche tyme and ſeaſon of the yere, that by occaſion therof not onely great peryll and daunger
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of infection of the plague and sundry other sicknesses haue happened to the kynges louyng subiectes, as well nobles as other, but also hath ben and yet is a great impediment and lette to a great multitude of the kynges pooze subiectes for prouision and gatheryng in of haruest and other their necessary busines & liuings, in that season of the yere most expedient to be exercised. The kynges most roial maiestee, haupng especial respect as wel to the helth, as to the welth of his people, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, ordeyneth enacteth and establissheth, that in the saied Trinitee terme shalbe foure common daies of retorne onely, and not aboue, that is to saie, the fyrst date of retorne shall be and be called In crastino sancte Trinitatis, the seconde date of retorne of the same terme shalbe and be called, In octabis sancte Trinitatis, the thyrde date of retorne of the same terme shall be and be called, In quindena sancte Trinitatis, and the fourth date of retorne of the same terme shall be and be called, A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas. And that the same daies of retorne shalbe obserued and kept in al our soueraigne lord the kynges highe courtes of recoꝛde, hereafter to be holden at westminster, or other place or places, at the assignement appoyntment or agrement of our saied soueraigne lord, his heires, or successours: And that from or after the feast of saint Michael the archaungel next comyng, there shall not be, nor be called any daies of retorne, In crastino sancti Ioannis Baptiste, Octabis sancti Ioannis Baptiste, nor Quindena sancti Ioannis Baptiste, nor any of them.

And be it further enacted by thaurtoꝛtee abovesaid, that the saied terme of the holy Trinitee shall yerely for euer, from the said feast of saint Michael tharchangel next comyng, begyn the mondate nexte after Trinitee sondate, whan so euer it shall happen to fall, for the keepyng of thesopgnes, processers, retournes, and other ceremonies heretofore vsed and kept, in like maner and fourme, as in times past hath ben vsed to be done in the date of retorne commonly called, In octabis sancte Trinitatis. And that the full terme of the saied Trinitee terme shal yerely for euer, begyn and take his commencement the fridate next after Corpus Christi date, in suche and like maner and forme to all purposes, intentes, and respectes, as heretofore hath ben vsed the wednesdaie next after Corpus Christi date. And that fro and after the saied feast of saint Michael tharchangel next comyng, the said second and third daies of retorne called, Octabis sancte Trinitatis, and Quindena sancte Trinitatis, shall take their commencement and begyn, as in tymes past hath been vsed, And that the saied fourth date called A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas, shall take his commencement and begyn, from the saied Trinitee sondate, in to thre wekes than nexte folowynge, and shall haue his retorne with the fourth date, as is accustomed in other lyke daies of retorne.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee abovesayde, that if after the sayd feast of saynt Mychaell tharchaungel next comyng, any writ in any real action come in or be retoꝛnable into any of our sayd soueraigne lord the kynges

kynges courtes, In octabis sancti Hylarii, than date shall be geuen In crastino sancte Trinitatis, If In quindena sancti Hylarii, In octabis sancte Trinitatis, If In crastino Purificationis beate Marie, In quindena sancte Trinitatis, If In octabis Purificationis beate Marie, than A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas, And if after the same feast of saint Michael tharchangel, any writ in any real action come into any of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges courtes returnable In crastino sancte Trinitatis, than date shall be geuen In crastino animarum, If in octabis sancte Trinitatis, in crastino sancti Martini, If In quindena sancte Trinitatis, in octabis sancte Martini. If A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas, in quindena sancti Martini.

And be it further enacted by thautoztee abovesaid, that if after the said feast of saint Michael tharchangel next coming any writ of dower come into any of our soueraigne lord the kynges courtes, and be returnable In quindena Pasche, than date shall be geuen In crastino sancte trinitatis, If A die Pasche in tres septimanas, in octabis sancte Trinitatis, If A die Pasche in unum mensem, in quindena sancte Trinitatis, If A die Pasche in quinq; septimanas, or In crastino ascensionis domini, than date shall be geuen into the date of A die sancte Trinitatis, in tres septimanas. And if after the same fest of saint Michel tharchangel next coming any writ of dower come into any of our said soueraigne lord the kynges courtes of recoꝝde In crastino sancte Trinitatis, than date shall be geuen In octabis sancti Michaelis, If In octabis sancte Trinitatis, In quindena sancti Michaelis, If In quindena sancte Trinitatis, A die sancti Michaelis in tres septimanas, If A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas, A die sancti Michaelis in unum mensem, or otherwys as is appoynted limited and declared by the statute of Warlebygge in the .xii. chapitre therof made and provided.

And it is further enacted by thautoztee aforesaid, that all common writtes and proseses as well personall as myxt, which shall fortune to be retournable in the saied Trinitee terme, shall haue and kepe the saied retournes of Crastino sancte Trinitatis, Octabis sancte Trinitatis, Quindena sancte Trinitatis and A die sancte Trinitatis in tres septimanas, or any one of them.

Provided alwaie and it is further enacted by the autoztee abovesaid, that in suche and lyke cases and proseses as speciall dates haue bene vbled to be appoynted assigned and geuen for the retournyng of writtes and proseses, it shall be lawfull to the Justices of euer of the kynges saied courtes of recoꝝde for the tyme beyng, in all the proseses by theim awarded, to assigne and appoynte speciall dates of retournes, as by theiꝝ discretions shall be thought conuenient.

Provided also and be it further enacted by thautoztee abovesaid, that the dates in assise of barrayne presentement, and in plea of Quare impedit, limited and appoynted by the statute of Warlebygge, and also the dates to be geuen in attainte limited in the statute made in the fyfte yere of the regne of the noble kyng Edward the thirde, beyng not contraryvnt to the tenour of this acte. shall be holden firme and stable, and shall stande in theiꝝ full force and effecte.

An acte concerning the comptes of byshops and other for the tenth
granted to the kynges maiestee. Cap. xxi.



IN MOSTE HYMALL wyse besechyng your most ropall
maiestee, your humble subiectes the archebishops and bish-
ops of this your realme, that where in the parlyament be-
gon at London, the thirde daie of Nouembre, the. xxi. yere
of your moste gracious reigne, and from thens adioyned to
Westm, and there holden and contynued by dyuers pro-
gacions, vnto the thyrde daie of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of your most
noble reigne, it was enacted by thauctoitee of the same parlyament among
other thynges, that your maiestee, your heires and successours, kynges of
this realme, for moze augmentacion and mayntenance of the ropall astate
of your imperiall crowne and dignitee of supreme heade of the church of
Englande, shoulde perely haue take percepue and enioye, vntied and knyt
to your imperiall Crowne for euer, one perely rent or pension, amountyng
to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offer-
inges, emolumentes, and of al other profites as wel called spiritual as tem-
porall, than apperteynyng or belongyng, or that hereafter shuld belonge to
any archbishopricke, bishopricke, abbacy, monastery, priory, archdeaconry,
deanry, hospytall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathed; all church, col-
legiate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free
chapell, and other benefyce or promocioun spiritual, of what name, na-
ture, or qualytee so euer they than were within any diocesse of this your re-
alme, or in wales: the saied pension or annuall rent to be perely payed for e-
uer to your maiestee, your heires and successours kynges of this realme, at
the feaste of the Natyuitee of our lord God, as in the saied act moze plainly
appereth. And furthermoze it was enacted by the saied auctoitee in the same
parlyament, that after a certificat made into your Eschequyre, and rate sette
in suche maner and fourme as by the saied acte is limited, euery archbishop
and bishop than beyng, and after that to be, shoulde be charged and charge-
able to leuy collect and recepue within their propre diocesse, as well in place
exempte as not exempt, all suche summes of money, wherewith the dignities,
benefices, and other promociouns spiritual afoze named within their diocesse,
chargeable by the saied acte, shulde be sette taxed and charged towarde the
payment of the saied perely pension, and shuld paie and content the saied sum-
mes of money befoze the first daie of April, to the Tresourer of your cham-
bre for the tyme beyng, or to any other person or persons, whome it shoulde
please your hyghnesse to appoynt to recepue the same: And that the Treas-
ourer, Chauncellour, Chaumberlayne, and Barons of your Eschequer,
shuld cause perely proccesse to be made by their discrecions for none paiement
of the saied pension and perely rent, as by the saied act among other thinges
moze at large appereth. And for as much as syns the makinge of the saied
acte, all and synghular abbaies priories monasteries and other religious
houses

houses, whiche than were conuentuall, bene clerely dissolued and comen to your hyghnes by auctozitee of parlyament, and otherwise by your lawes, wherby the saied perely rentes and pensions, whiche befoze that tyme were of them seuerally to be paid, be nowe not payable oꝛ leupable: And also that the saied archebyschoppes and byschoppes, vpon certificat made into the saied eschequer, by reason of the saied acte made in the saied .xxvi. yere of your reygne, ben charged and chargeable with the saied perely rentes oꝛ pensions of the tenth of dyuers and many persons, whiche were certified in to your saied eschequer by the commissioners assigned to take and cesse the saied spirituall dignitees and promotions, to haue perpetuities and chanteries, and other salaries, where neuer any such chanterie oꝛ perpetual salary was founded oꝛ ordeined, & many chanteries and other perpetuities spirituall than being in esse, ben syns that tyme vtterly dissolued and extincted: And also many prebendes personages and vicaries been double certified by the saied commissioners, and some certified to bene in places where none suche be *In rerum natura*, and some by wꝛonge names oꝛ otherwysse miscertified, and also some partes of the profits and emolumentes, whiche dyd than belonge to some dignitees personages vicarages cathedrall churches, and collegiat churches, as in pꝛories sinodales oblations and indulgences pardons and other pꝛofytes, be nowe decated and diminished by sundꝛy meanes, and many chanteries and other small promotions spirituall, bene syns that tyme decated and extinguisshed, and no pꝛiestes thereon abydyng. And also sithe the makynge of the saied acte, made in the saied .xxvi. yere, there haue ben assurances made to your maiestee by some of the saied archebishops and bishops of parcelles of their possessions, charged with the saied rente oꝛ pension, and percell of the saied possessions charged with the paiement of the saied perely rent oꝛ pension, ben comen to your handes by other lausful meanes. By reason wherof, and of many other causes doubtes and ambiguities, whiche do daierly rylse concernynge the pꝛemisses, the saied collectours can not leup the saied perely rentes oꝛ pensions, concernynge many promotions oꝛ pꝛofytes spirituall, certified in your saied Eschequyre by the saied Commissioners, and yet that not withstandynge, the saied Archbishops and Bishops, foꝛ lacke of sufficient warraunt and auctozitee to the barons of your saied Eschequyre, foꝛ theyꝛ discharge in that behalfe, ben greatly pꝛolonged and letted in yelding of theyꝛ accomptes in your saied Eschequyre of the saied annuall rente oꝛ pension, and put to great costes and charges, to theyꝛ great inquietnesse, charges, losses, and troubles, where they haue no thyng allowed them, oꝛ any of theyꝛ officers, foꝛ the collectynge, leupinge, gatherynge, oꝛ payng of the saied annuall rentes oꝛ pensions, to the vse of your hyghnesse. It maie therfoze please your hyghnesse, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctozitee of the same, that it maie be enacted by thauctozitee aforesaid that if the saied archebishops and bishops, oꝛ any of them, theyꝛ deputies oꝛ other accomptauntes oꝛ any of them, that nowe be

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or hereafter shall bee chargeable with the collection of the saied annuall
 rent or pension, or of any parte or porcion therof, sue and allege by the orthe
 of any of the saied archebishops bishops or other accomptantes, or
 any other person or persons auctorised to accompte for any of them, befoze
 the Tresourer Chauncellour and barons of your Eschequer, or befoze the
 moze parte of them, or befoze suche other persons, as it shall please the kyn-
 ges hyghnes to appointe to here the same accompt, that thei or any of them
 for any of the causes abovesaid, or for any other sufficiente cause or mat-
 tier by any of them to be alledged, can not or maye not in any wyse lawfully
 leuie suche particuler summe or summes of money of the saied annuall rent
 or pension, as they or any of them, now be or hereafter shall be chargeable
 and charged with, and no matter apparant there shewed to the contrary for
 your hyghnesse by any of your sergeantes at the lawe, or by your attour-
 ney generall for the tyme beyng, or by any other for your maiestee: that
 than your saied Tresourer Chauncellour and Barons, or the moze
 parte of them, or suche other persons as shall be appointed by the kinges
 hyghnesse shall by vertue and auctoritee of this act, haue full power and au-
 thoritee by theyr discreacions to except and allowe that allegacion, and ther-
 vpon therof to discharge the accomptaunte, or elles by theyr discreacions
 to directe the kinges writte vnto any of the kinges courtes, for to certifie
 vnto them the trueth therof. And ther vpon the saied Tresourer, Chan-
 cellour, and Barons, or the moze parte of them, or suche persones as shall
 bee ther vnto appointed by the kinges hyghnesse, further to here and exa-
 mine the same matter and cause by witnesse and depositions of suche as
 can enforme the courte, or the saied other persones as shall bee ther vnto
 appointed by the kinges hyghnesse of the trueth therof, or by any other
 waies and meanes that they can beste deuise: And if nede requyre, to
 awarde commissions by theyr discreacions to certaine indifferente persons
 in euery suche pcesse, where any suche matter or cause shall be alledged,
 without any charge askyng or takyng for the makyng of the same com-
 missions so to bee awarded: Whiche saied commissioners shall and maye
 by vertue of their commissions, haue full power and auctoritee to examine
 the same matter and cause so alledged by any of the saied bishops or o-
 ther accomptauntes for them, and in their discharge by the othes of suche
 persones as shall haue perfecte notyse therof, or other wyse, and ther vpon
 to make certifiat therof to the saied Tresourer Chauncellour and barons,
 or to the moze part of them in the saied Eschequer, or to suche other persons
 as ther vnto shall be appointed by the kinges hyghnesse. And vpon cer-
 tificat so made of the saied matter, or if by any other matter or certifiat
 it shall appere to the saied Tresourer Chauncellour and Barons, or to
 the moze parte of them, or to suche other persones as ther vnto shall be ap-
 pointed by the kinges hyghnesse, that the saied matter, and the allegacions
 therof, be good and trewe: than the saied tresourer chauncellour and ba-
 rons or the moze parte of them, or the saied suche other persones as ther
 vnto

unto shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, ther vppon to make a clere and sufficient deduction allowance determination and discharge to any of the sayd archebysshops byshops, and other accomptauntes, and to euery of them, of and for the same, without further suite or delay, and the same allowance and discharge, to cause to be entred in that courte, there to remaine of recorde, as by theyre discrecions shal be thought requisite from tyme to tyme, without farther suite charge or other inquiettinge of any of the sayd archebysshops byshops or other accomptantes or any of them, or any of the successours or executours of any of them in that behalfe.

¶ And that it maie be further enacted by chauncery aforesaid, that in case it be hereafter certified by commission or other wyse by sufficient and probable witnesses, had and founde before the sayd tresourer chauncellour and barons, or before the moze parte of them, or before suche other persones as therunto shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, that any benefice chantery hospitall or other ecclesiasticall promotion is omitted and not specified or not certified by or in the sayd original or former certificate: That than vpon due profe, informacion, knowlage, or certificat therof by any of the sayd archebysshops or byshops, or other wyse made or declared before the sayd tresourer chauncellour and barons, or before the moze parte of them, or before suche other persones as therunto shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, of any summe or summes of money concernynge the premisses so omitted, and not charged for lacke of knowlage or certificat therof, wherof the kyng of ryght ought to be answered: The sayd tresourer chauncellour and barons or the moze parte of them, or suche other persones as therunto shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, shal make a sufficient entre thereof, to bee annexed to and with the sayd original of the same tenche, and therevpon to charge the sayd accomptantes, to make leuy and answer therof petyly frome henseforth, so that the kynges highnes maie be truly answered therof, from tyme to tyme, accordyng to his lawefull title in that behalfe.

¶ The subsidie of the clergie of the prouynce of Canturburie. Cap. xxiil.



HERE THE prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Canturburie, haue louynge and lyberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the kynges maiestee a subsidie of foure shyllinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuyed of all and singular their spirituall promotions within the same prouynce, durynge the terme of two yeres, nowe nexte ensuyng, in certaine maner and fourme, with dyuers exceptions and prouysions specified and conteyned in a certaine instrument by them thereof made and deliuered vnto the kynges highnes, vnder the scale of the archebysshoppe of Caunturburie, as in the same instrumente exhybted in this present parlyament moze plainely dothe appere. The tenour wherof, ensuech in these woordes.

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¶ THE PRELATES and clergy of the prouince of Canterbury callynge to remembraunce, not onely the great lybertee and freedom that they haue by theyr deliuerance from the yoke and bondage of the vsurped power of the byshop of Rome, whiche by the moste gracious goodnes and diuine wisdom of our most dread and naturall soueraine lord the kinges maiestee, is most lausfully and rightuously, clerely vanquished and extinguyshed out of this realme: And that therfore the byshop of Rome ceaseth not dailely moste malignously to imagine, howe to prouoke forein princes to take parte with hym to reuenge his saied most vnlaufull and wrongfull quarrels: but also the great excessive and inestimable charges, which the kinges highnes hath by reason therof bene at and is dailely and must continually be at hereafter, in makinge of hauens, blockehouses, and other byuers fortresses, for the defence and tuition of this his realme, and his moste louynge subiectes in the same: Haue of theyr owne mere louynge tender mynde and good will, geuen and granted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte vnto the kynges maiestee a subsidy towards his saied charges in maner and fourme followinge, that is to saie: That euery Archbyshop byshop deane archdeacon prebendary prouost maister of college maister of hospital person vicar chanter priest and other gouernours and euery of them, and euery other person and persons, of what so euer name or degre he or they be, enioynge any spirituall promotion, or other tempoꝝall possessions to the same spirituall promotions annexed, nowe not deuided or seperate by acte of parlyament or otherwyle from the possession of the clergie, shall paie to the kynges highnes for euery pounce that he maie perely spende by reason of the saied spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllinges sterl. And for the tretwe and certeine knowlage of the perely values of the saied promotions and euery of them, wherof the paiement shulde be made, the rate taxation valuation and estimation all tedy made and certified in the eschequer for the paiement of the perpetuall dysme concernynge all suche promotions as yet remayne in possession of the clergie, or any other not yet deuyded by acte of parlyament or otherwyle as aforesaid, shall be folowed and obserued without making any newe valuation rate taxation or estimation, other than in the saied certificat is comprehended.

¶ Prouyded alwaies that for as muche as the tenth parte of the saied valuation and rate certified in the eschequer, is perely paid to the kynges highnes for the perpetuall dysme, so as there remayneth onely nyne partes to the incumbent clere: this subsidie of foure shyllinges of the pounce, shall be vnderstande of the saied .ix. partes and no more.

¶ Prouyded also that no person payerng fyrst frutes, shalbe charged with any parte of this subsidie durynge the fyrst yere of that his promotion.

¶ The saied prelates and clergy also graunten, that this subsidie of foure shyllinges of the pounce of the perely clere value of euery promotion taxed as afoze, shall be paid to the kynges maiestee within two yeres nexte ensuyng the date hercof, at the rescepte of his eschequer, or within any other place

ces where it shall please the kynges highnes to appointe, that is to saie: the
 shyllynges of euery ponde at suche daies and tyme of the yere as the per-
 petuall dysme is now by tenour of the acte of parliament ordered to be con-
 tented and paid.

¶ The saied prelates and clergy also graunte, that euery prieste hauinge a
 pension by reason of the dissolution of any of the late monasteries colleges
 or hospitalles, or any other incorpuration within the saied prouince of Can-
 terbury, shall lykewyse paie to the kynges highnes foure shyllynges of e-
 uery ponde of the saied pensions within the saied two yeres. And that for
 the sure paiement therof, a deduction and retencion of the saied .iiii. s. be
 made in the handes of the payers of the saied pension after the propozition
 of .ii. s. of the ponde, eche of the saied .ii. yeres to be deliuered and paid
 to the kynges vse at suche time and to suche persons as the subsidie of .iiii. s.
 shall be paid vnto.

¶ The saied prelates and clergy further graunt, that euery priest, receiuing
 annuall stipendie, beyng no perpetuitee within the saied prouince, shall paie
 to the kynges graces vse. vi. s. viii. d. in euery of the saied .ii. yeres, at the same
 daies, and vnder the same penalties as the reste of the clergy dooe paie for
 the promotions.

¶ The saied prelates and clergy also graunte, that euery archbishoppe and
 bishop, and the sea beyng vacant euery dean and chapter of that sea borde
 shalbe collectours of this subsidie within thei propie diocesses, and shal haue
 full power and auctoritee by the kynges maiestee and the parlyament, to vse
 all suche waies meanes and proces as be prescribed in the acte of perpetuall
 dysme for the collectyng and leuyng of the same, and shall account therof
 before the barons of the kynges chequer, or in suche other place as it shall
 please the kynges highnes to appointe, in suche wyse and after suche forme
 only as the saied archbishop and bishops be now charged for the collection
 of the perpetuall dysme: wherby is ment, how the lacke and default of pay-
 ment of and for any particular promotion shall only charge the incumbent,
 and suche as be bounde to paie the same, and that vpon suche paynes as be
 prouided in that acte of perpetuall dysme, agaynst them that make default
 in that behalfe. And that the archbishop bishop or deane and chapter ga-
 therynge that they can receiue, and making paiement therof, shall for the
 rest not by them receiued, be discharged by the certificat made in suche forme
 and facion as in the acte of perpetuall dysme is limited and prescribed. And
 vi. d. of euery ponde, wherwith the collector shalbe charged in his accompte
 clerely, to be paid into the said receipt, or in suche other place as shall please
 the kynges highnes to appointe, shall be allowed for the same collector in
 his saied accompte of the same, for the charges of collection portage safe
 conueying and payeing of the saied subsidie.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this subsidie shall not be demaunded nor leuied
 out of any benefice or college scholur or let within the vniuersities of Oxen-
 ford or Cambridge, or of any benefice or other grantees vnto any college of
 Oxenford

ANNO XXXII.

Oxford of Cambridge, united and appoynted, nor of the colleges of Eton
 nyne Windsoze, nor of the college of Winchester founded by William Win-
 ham sometyne byshop of Winchester, nor of any churche or benefice or other
 reuenues to the saied colleges or to any of theim annexed appoynted or o-
 therwise appertaynyng.

It is ordeyned alwaies and be it enacted, that no spirituall promotion, or
 any landes or reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt
 or acte of the prouince of Caunterbury, shall be charged or made contribu-
 tour to any sifte or other subsidie graunted to the kynges byghnesse of
 the lape see in the session of this present parlyament, or hereafter to be made
 during the terme of the saied two yeres.

For certayne causes and considerations concernynge the trewe and speedy
 collection and payment of the same subsidie to be had. Be it enacted by the
 kynges highnes, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of
 the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of
 the same, that the saied gyfte and grant, and every matter summe of money
 clause and sentence in the saied instrument conteyned, bee ratified establi-
 shed and confirmed by auctoritee aforesaid.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parly-
 ment, that every person that shall be appoynted to the collection and gather-
 yng of the saied subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritee to leuy take
 and perceiue the same subsidie by auctoritee of censures of the churche, or by
 distress vpon the possession of the fermers or owners of the landes and ten-
 mentes chargeable by this acte to the payment of any summe or summes of
 money, or otherwise by the discrecion of the collectours therof. And that no
 repleyn prohibition or supersedeas shall bee allowed or obeyed for any per-
 son or persons makinge default of payement of the saied subsidie, contrary
 to the tenour of the graunt therof, vntyll suche tyme as they haue truly sa-
 tisfied and contented all suche parte and porcion, as to theim in that behalf
 apperteyneth. And that every suche fermour and fermours, that shall here-
 after fortune to be charged to and with the payement for any parte of the
 saied subsidie, shall by the auctoritee aforesaid, be allowed and receyue in
 his handes as muche in his yerely ferme and rent, as the summe whiche
 he shall fortune to paie for his lord or lessor, shall extende and amount vnto,
 any writynge couenaunt bonde or other thynge had or made to the con-
 trary in any wyse not withstandyng. And for the leuyng of the saied sub-
 sidie of .iij. s. of the pounce, and for the yerely pensions whiche any prior
 or other persone or persones, whiche heretofore haue bene religious or tu-
 ben for religious persons, do or shall receyue at the courte of the Augmen-
 tations, the Chauncellours of the same courte, for the tyme beyng, shall per-
 ly duringe the saied two yeres, receyue or receyue in his handes, or cause
 to be receyued or receyued in the handes of other the officers and ministers
 of the same courte, to the kynges vse, for every pounce of the same pen-
 sions two shyllinges, and it shall well and truly paie or cause to be paid

in the saied Eschequer, oꝛ elles where the kynges byghnes, shall appointe, without any delaie oꝛ charge to be made oꝛ suspyned in that behalfe.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that every other person oꝛ persons, whiche paie oꝛ be chargeable to paie any pecely rent pension oꝛ pensions, to any priest, oꝛ other person oꝛ persons, which heretofore have ben religious oꝛ taken foꝛ religious persons, chargeable to the paiement of the saied subsidie, that every suche person and persons, whiche do so paie, oꝛ hereafter shall pai any of the saied pecely rentes pension oꝛ pensions, shall not onely during the saied two yeres, certein in his handes pecely to the kynges vse foꝛ every pounce of the same pecely rentes pension oꝛ pensions, two shillinges, and the same well and truly paie oꝛ cause to be paid pecely, duringe the same two yeres, unto the ordinary, of the same dioces, oꝛ to the collectour of the saied subsidie there to the kynges vse, but also shall pecely duringe the same two yeres, befoze the feast of the Purification of our blessed lady, certifie vnder his oꝛ theiꝝ seale oꝛ seales vnto the saied Eschequer, oꝛ els where it shall please the kynges maiestee to appointe, the names and surnames of all and singular suche priestes oꝛ other persons religiouse, oꝛ heretofore taken foꝛ religiouse persons, as is aforesaid, and the true pecely rentes oꝛ pensions, whiche thei oꝛ any of them be intyred to haue oꝛ receyue pecely as is aforesaid. And that the chauncellour foꝛ the tyme beyng of the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges Crowne, shall lykewys pecely duringe the saied two yeres, befoze the saied feast of the Purification of our ladye, certifie vnder the seale of the same courte, not onely the names and surnames of all and singular priestes, and other persons, chargeable foꝛ theiꝝ saied seuerall rentes and pecely pensions to the paiement of the saied subsidie in the saied Eschequer, oꝛ els where it shall please the kynges maiestee to appoynt, but also the true and iust pecely summe and summes of the same pecely rentes oꝛ pensions, with the names and surnames of the persons chargeable to the paiement thereof. And that the archbishop and bishoppe of every diocese within the saied prouince of Canterbury, shall pecely duringe the said two yeres, befoze the saied feast of the Purification of our ladye the virgin, certifie vnder his seale in to the saied Eschequer, oꝛ els where it shall please the kyng to appoynt, the names and surnames of all and singular stipendarie priestes, beyng within any of theiꝝ dioceses, chargeable to the paiement of the saied subsidie, as is aforesaid: And also the names and surnames of every suche person and persons, with whome he oꝛ thei do dwell and take any stipende oꝛ wages.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that every suche person oꝛ persons, whiche within the saied two yeres, shall geue and paie any stipende oꝛ wages to any suche priestes, as is aforesaid, shall foꝛ the insufficiency oꝛ default of every of the same priest oꝛ priestes, beyng in seruice and wages with him, at the feast of the natiuitee of our Lorde, be charged and chargeable to & with the paiement of. vi. s. and. viii. d. foꝛ the same yere.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied arch-
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byshop byshops and all other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the said subsidie of foure shyllynges the pound, within the said prouince of Canterbury, shall haue vpon every payement thereof made in the kynges eschequer, or elles where the kynges maiestee shall appoynt, a sufficient acquittance in wrytyng of suche person or persons as the kynges maiestee shall appoynte for the receyte thereof: The same acquittance witnessyng the receyt of as muche of the same summe of the same subsidie, as shalbe by any of them so receyued, and every suche acquittance in wrytyng sealed and subscribed with the name or names of every suche person or persons, that so by the kynges appoyntment shall receiue any of the said summes of money, shalbe as good and effectuell in the law, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliament. And that every person and persons, whiche shal haue and receiue any suche acquittance, shal paye but onely. vi. d. for every of the same acquittances.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that all and every grant and grantee of all and every summe and summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kynges byghnes by the clergy of the prouynce of Yozke, shall be of the same strength force and effect in all thinges, as the aforesaid graunte made by the said prouynce of Caunterbury, and shall be taxed certified collected gathered and leuied accordyng to the tenour fourme and effecte of this presente acte of parlyamente to all intentes constructions and purposes, and in suche maner as thoughe it were specially plainly and particularly expresse and reherfed in this present acte by expresse wordes termes and sentences in theyr severall natures and kyndes.

An act concerning the landes and goodes of the hospitalls of saint Iohnes of Ierusalem in Englande and Irelande to be hereafter in the kynges handes and disposition. Cap. xxviii.

THE LORDES spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, hauing credible knowlage that diuerse and sundry the kynges subiectes called the knightes of Rhodes otherwise called knightes of saint Iohns otherwise called friers of the religion of saint Iohn of Ierusalem in Englande, and of a lyke house beyng in Irelande, abydyng in the partes of beyonde the sea, and hauing as well out of this realme, as out of Irelande and other the kynges dominions, yerely great summes of money for mayntenance of theyr liuynges: Haue vnnaturall, and contrary to the dutie of their allegiaunces, sustayned and maynteyned the vsurped power and auctoritee of the byshop of Rome, lately vsed and practised within this realme, and other the kynges dominions, and haue not onely adhered themselves to the said byshop, being common ennemy to the kyng our soueraine lord, and to this his realme, vntreuely vpholdyng, knowlagyng, and assisting maliciously and traitterously, the same byshop to be supreme & chiefe head of Christes church by gods holy worde, entendyng thereby to subuert and ouerthrow the good and godly lawes and statutes of this realme, their naturall

naturall countrey, made and grounded by auctoritee of holy church, by the
 most excellent wysedome, policy, and goodnes of the kynges maiestee, with
 the hole assent and consent of the realme, for the abolishing expulping and
 better extirpation of the saied vsurped power and auctoritee, but also haue de-
 fained and sclaundered as well the kynges maiestee, as the noble men, pre-
 lates, and other the kynges trewe and louing subiectes of this realme, for
 they good and godly proceeding in that behalfe: haue therfore depely pon-
 dered and considered, that lyke as it is and was a most godly act of the kin-
 ges most royall maiestee, and the saied noble men prelates and commons of
 this realme, betterly to expulse and abolye not onely from this realme, but
 also from other the kynges dominions, the saied vsurped power and aucto-
 ritee of the byshop of Rome, and also the hypocritike and superstitious reli-
 gions in this realme, and other the kynges dominions, being his membez
 and adherentes, hauing their ogyginal erection and foundation by the saied
 vsurped auctoritee, by expulping wherof goddes holy woorde necessary for
 increase of vertue and saluation of christen soules, is not onely purely and
 sincerely auanced and set forth, but also the extoyte exactions of innume-
 rable summes of money, craftely exhausted out of this realme, and of other
 the kynges dominions, by the colour of the saied vsurped auctoritee, is remo-
 ued and taken awaye, to the inestimable benefite and commoditie of the ky-
 nges louing subiectes, so lyke manner of wyse it shulde be most dangerous to
 be suffered or permitted within this realme, or in any other the kynges do-
 minions, any religion being sparkes leaues or pynpes of the saied roote of
 iniquitee: Considering also, that the yle of Rhodes, wherby the saied reli-
 gion toke theyr olde name and foundation, is surpysed by the Turke: And
 that it were and is muche better, that the possessions in this realme, and in
 other the kynges dominions, apperteyning to the saied religion, shuld ra-
 ther be employed and spent within this realme, and in other the kynges do-
 minions, for the defence and suretie of the same, than conuerted to among
 suche vnnatural subiectes, whiche haue declined not onely from their natu-
 rall dutie of obedience, that they ought to beare vnto the kyng their soue-
 rain lord, but also from the good lawes and statutes of this realme theyr
 naturall countrey, daily doyng and attempting prauely and craftly all that
 they can, to subuert the good and godly policy, in the whiche thanks be to
 god, and to our most dyad soueraine lord, this realme and other the kynges
 dominions now stande in. In consideration wherof the saied lordes spiri-
 tuall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled,
 most humbly beseechen the kynges most royall maiestee that it maie be enac-
 ted by his highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall
 and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the copozation
 of the saied religyon, as well within this realme, as within the kynges do-
 minions and lande of Ireland, by what so euer name or names they be found-
 ed encozpozated or knowen, shalbe betterly dissolued and boide to all ente-
 res and purposes. And that sir william weston knight now beynge pri-
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our of the saied religion within this realme of England, shall not be named or called from hence forth the priour of sainte Iohnes of Ierusalem in England, but shalbe called by his propre name of William Weston knyght without farther addicion touchyng the saied religion. And that lybertye John Hauison knyght, now beyng priour of Kylmaynam in Irelande, shall not be called or named from hence forth the priour of Kylmaynam in Irelande, but onely by his propre name of John Hauison knyght, without farther addicion touchyng the saied religion: nor that any of the brethren or confreres of the saied religion in this realme of Englande, and lande of Irelande, shalbe called knyghtes of the Rhodes nor knyghtes of sainte Iohns, but shalbe called by their owne propre christen names and surnames of their parentes, without any other addicions touchyng the saied religion.

¶ AND be it furthermoze enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that if the saied William Weston, or any of his brethren or confreres of the hospitall or house of sainte Iohn of Ierusalem in England, now abiding and dwelling within this realme of Englande, or any other person or persons, beyng members professed of or in the saied hospitall, now dwelling within the saied realme, at any tyme after the fyfte daie of July nexte commynge, do vse or weare within this realme, or elles where, in or vpon any apparell of their bodies, any signe marke or token heretofore vsed and accustomed, or hereafter to be deuised for the knowlage of the saied religion, or make any congregacions chapters or assemblies touchyng the same religion, or maintaine support vse or defende any libertees franchises or privileges, heretofore graunted to the saied religion, by auctoritee of the bishop of Rome, or of the sea of the same: that than every of them so offendynge, shall incurre and renne into the pynes forfeitures and penaltees ordeyned and prouyded by the statute of prouision and premunyre, made in the xvi. yere of kynge RICHARDE the second. And if the saied John Hauison knyght, or any his brethren or confreres of the saied hospitall or house of Kylmaynam in Irelande, or any other person or persons, beyng members professed of or in the saied hospital of Kylmaynam, now abiding and dwelling within the saied lande of Irelande, at any tyme after the laste daie of Septembre nexte commynge, dooe vse or weare within this realme, or within the saied lande of Irelande, or els where in or vpon any apparell of their bodies, any signe marke or token heretofore vsed and accustomed, or hereafter to be deuised for the knowlage of the same religion, or make any congregacions chapters or assemblies touchyng the same religion, or maintaine support vse or defende any maner of libertees franchises or privileges heretofore graunted to the same by auctoritee of the bishop of Rome, or of the sea of the same: That than every of them so offendynge, shall incurre and renne into the pynes forfeitures and penaltees, ordeyned and prouyded by the saied statute of prouision and premunyre, made in the said xvi. yere of kynge RICHARDE the seconde.

¶ And be it likewise enacted by thaurthoritee aforesaid, that if any the knyghtes

of confreeres of the saied religion, beyng the kynges naturall subiectes; whiche nowe enhabite abyde and dwell out of any the kynges dominions, at any tyme after the fyrst daie of februarye nexte comynge, do offende in any of the articles or offences nexte aboue reherfed: that than euery of them so offendynge shall incurre and renne into the pepnes forfaytures and penaltees nexte aboue remembred.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the kynges maiestee his heyyes and successours, shall haue and enjoy all that hospitall mansion hous, church, and al other houses edificions buildinges and gardens to the same belongynge, beyng nere to the citet of London in the countie of Midd, called the house of sainte Iohnes of Ierusalem in Englande, and also all that hospitall churche and house of Iylmainam in the lande of Irelande, and all and singular castels, honours, manours, meases, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruces, woodes, meadowes, pastures, parhes, warrennes, libertees, fraunchises, priuileges, personages, tithes, pensions, porcions, knightes fees, aduousons, commanderies, preceptories, contributions, responsions, rentes, titles, entrees, condicions, couenantes, and al other possessions and hereditamentes, of what natures, names, or qualitees, so euer they be, and where so euer they be or lye within this realme of Englande, or within the lande of Irelande, or elles where within any the kynges dominions, whiche appertayned or belonged to the saied religion, or to the priours maisters or gouernours knightes or other ministers professed of or in the same, by the ptesence or in the tyght of the saied religion: And all and singular goodes cattelles dettes arretrages of rentes and sermes, and all other thinges reall and personall, what so euer they be, wherof or wherunto any of the saied priours or etherne or confreeres, or persones professed in the saied religion, can haue nor clayme any particular propriete to theyr owne propre vse, by the rules and statutes of the saied religion: To haue and to holde the pmisses and euery of them, to our saied soueraigne lord, and to his heyyes and successours so euer, to vse and employ by his mooste excellent wisdom and discrecion, at his owne free wyll and pleasure. And that his highnesse shall be demed and adyudged in the reall and actuall possession of the pmisses, by vertue and auctoritee of this present act. Sauing to al persons and bodies politike, theyr heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other than the said priour of sainte Iohnes of Ierusalem in Englande, and the saied priour of Iylmainam, in the lande of Irelande, and the byethers or Confreeres of euery of them, and the successours of euery of them, and all and euery other persone or persones of the saied relygion, and theyr successours, and euery of theym, and the successours of euery of theym, all suche tyght, tyle, intereste, possession, leasses grauntes, annuitees, fees, offices, corrodies, reuercions, rentes, and seruces, rent charges, commons tyghtes tyles entrees actions petitions pensions porcions and all other hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualitees so euer they be, whiche they haue shoulde or ought to haue

had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

Wherfore alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, by the agreement and assent of the kynges moste excellent goodnes, that the saied William Weston, durynge his naturall lyfe, shall haue and enioye to his owne vse out of the premises perely one annuall rente or pensyon of one thousande poundes, to bee paid to hym, or his assignes at the feaste of sainte Michael tharchaungell, and the Annunciation of our lady by euen porcions, and also shall haue to his owne vse suche reasonable porcion of the goodes, and cattelles appertaynyng to the same religyon, as it shall please the kynges maiestee of his moste excellent goodnes, to limite and appointe of the same. And that the saied John Raulson knyght, shall haue and enioye to his owne vse, out of suche possessions as he now hath in Englande and Irelande, one annuall pensyon of fyue hundred markes, to be paid to hym or to his assignes at the feastes aforesaid by euen porcions, and lykewyle shall haue to his owne propre vse suche reasonable porcion of the goodes of the saied religyon, as shall please the kynges maiestee of his moste excellent goodnes to limite and appointe for the same. And that Clement Weste, beyng one of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioye durynge his naturall lyfe, one annuall perely pensyon of .CC. ponde. And that Thomas Weinberton, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioye perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of .lxxx. ponde. And that Gyles Kufell, an other of the saied confreres, shall haue and enioye perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of .C. ponde. And that George Sylmer, an other of the saied Confreres, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of one .C. li. And that John Sutton, another of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of .CC. li. And that Edward Bevingham, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his lyfe naturall, one perely pension, of one .C. ponde. And that Edward Browne, another of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioye perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of fyftie ponde. And that Edmonde Huse, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioye perely durynge his lyfe naturall, one perely pension of one hundred markes. And that Ambrose Carr, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of one .C. markes. And that Thomas Coplelike, another of the confreres of the said religyon, shall haue and enioye durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of fyftie ponde. And that Cuthbert Leighton, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of .lx. ponde. And that Rycharde Broke, an other of the confreres of the saied religyon, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely

perely pension of. C. markes. And that Henry Poole, another of the confre-
res of the saied religion, shall haue and enioy perely durynge his naturall
lyfe, one perely pensyon of. CC. markes. And that William Tyrel, another
of the confreteres of the saied religion, shall haue and enioy perely durynge
his naturall lyfe, one perely pension of. xxx. pounde. And that John Rau-
son, another of the confreteres of the saied religion, shall haue and enioy
perely durynge his naturall lyfe, one perely pensyon of. CC. markes. And
that Anthony Rogers, Oswalde Hallyngeborne, James Huse, Thomas
Chomell, Aycolas Hupton, Phylipp Babington, Henry Jerad, Dunstan
Audegate, Aycolas Lambert, and David Sonson, beyng confreteres pro-
fessed in the saied religion, and hauynge at this ptesente tyme no maner of
certauntie towarde their lyuyng, shall haue and enioy euery of them pere-
ly, one perely pension of tenne poundes: The saied seueralle perely pen-
syons to be paid at the feastes of sainte Michael the archaungell, and the
Innucciacion of our lady, by euen porcions, as is aforesaid. And ouer
this euery of the saied confreteres aboue named and mencioned, shall haue
to their owne propre bles, suche reasonable porcions of the goodes and
cattelles beyng in theyr handes and possessions, apperteynyng to the saied
religion, as it shall please the kynges maiestee to lymitte and appoint to
euery of them of the same.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any the kynges
subiectes, beyng professed in the saied religion, bee negligently forgotten
or omitted out of this ptesent acte, for lacke of knowlage of theyr names,
that yet neuer the lesse euery of them so forgotten, and not now ptesentely
named or remembred, shall haue and enioy suche honest conuenient and re-
sonable perely pension and porcion of goodes, as shall please the kynges
maiestee to lymitte and appointe in that behalfe.

And wherby alwaies, that none of the saied priours or confreteres of the
saied religion, shall haue and enioy any of the pensions afoze specified, ex-
cepte suche of them as be the kynges true and faithful subiectes: Iny thyng
in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And wherby also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that John
Waplesden, othertwys called John Waplesden clerke, subprior of the saied
religion of the saied hospital of sainte John of Ierusalem in England, wil-
lam Ermelede clerke, maister of the temple in London, walter Lym-
sey and John winter, chappleyne there, and euery of them, shall haue
perceyue and enioy, durynge theyr naturall lyues, all suche mansyon hou-
ses, styppendes, and wages, and all other profyttes of money, in as large
and ample maner as they or any of them now lawfully haue the same,
without lette or interrupcion of the kyng or his soueraigne lord or his heires
or successours, or any other his officers or ministers, the saied maister and
two chappleyne of the temple, doyng theyr duties and seruices there, as they
haue accustomed to dooe.

And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied William
Waplesden

Weston, and John Raufon, and every of the said brethren or confreres afore named, and the said supplicour and the said master of the temple, and two chaplens, and every of them, being the kinges true and faithfull subiectes, upon theyr reasonable suites and petitions, shall have sufficient letters patentes of the said severall pecely annuities, pensions, mancions, stipendes and wages, and other profittes of money to them limited by auctoritee of this acte, under the kinges great seale, without any fyne or fee to be payed to the kinges vse for the same.

¶ And be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that the said brethren or confreres of the said religion, and all other obedienters, being members of the said religion, shall be acquitted and discharged of theyr obedience, that they have used to beare and gene vnto the said William Weston, or to the said John Raufon, or to any other of the said religion, by the ordynances blages rules or statutes of the said religion. And that as well the same William Weston and John Raufon, as the said brethren or Confreres of the said religion, called knyghtes, as is aforesaid, and everye of them, being the kinges subiectes bothe in this realme of Englande, or in the lande of Irelande, or elles where within any the kinges dominions shall be enabled to sewe and be sewed by theyr owne said propre names and surnames, and have suche capacitee, and other fredome, libertees, and priuileges to all intentes and purposes, in as large and ample maner, fourme, facyon, and condicion as in the fyfte Session of this presente parliament was ordeyned and enacted for religious persons: Any statutes, ordynances, lawes, customes, blages, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all priuileges of sanctuaries heretofore used or claymed in mansion houses, and other places, commonly called sancte Johnes holde, and all other Sanctuaries heretofore used in any place within this Realme, or in Irelande, whiche heretofore hath bene belongynge to any of the said hospitallies, shall stande and be utterly voyde and of none effecte, for or concerning any sanctuarie, or priuilege of Sanctuarie, there to bee hadde or used. The priuileges of commune Churches and churchyardes, applyed and used to goddes serupce, and buryalles of chrysten people, only excepted.

¶ And be it also enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that all the said manors meles landes tenementes and all and syngular other possessions priuileges libertees franchises and other hereditamentes granted to the kinges majestee by this act, shall be in the suruey rule or dre and gouernance of the chauncellour, and other ministers and officers of the courte of chaungementacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, in lyke maner forme facion and condicion, as the possessions of the landes of the abbeyes monastaries or priories suppressed or surrendred bene.

¶ And be it also enacted, by thautozitee aforesaid, that all and every such person

persone and persones, as bee nowe confiteres of the saied hospitall oꝝ hospitals, and at this present tyme out of this realme, shall before the feast of Penthecoste, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god, a Thousande fyue hundred fortye and one, retourne into the same, and here personally present them selues to the kynges maiestee, oꝝ to the lord Cancellour of Englands, the lord Treasurer, the lord Presidente of the kynges counsaile, and the lord Priue Seale, oꝝ two of them for the tyme being at the leaste, bothe knowlagng them selues to be his hyghnes trewe and lopall subiectes, and declaring them selues to be content wyllyngly to observe kepe and mayntaine all the lawes and statutes of this realme, as to good and trewe subiectes appertayneth: Oꝝ elles the same confrete oꝝ confiteres, makynge defaulte of suche his repayre and presentement as is beforesaid, shall in no wyse clayme and enioy any peny on by vertue of this acte: any thyng in the same conteyned not withstandynge: Onlesse the persone oꝝ persones so makynge defaulte of repayre and apperaunce, can shewe and declare them selves to haue bene detayned, oꝝ by a necessary meane impeached and letted of theyr wyll, purpose, and desyre to haue come hether, and to haue accomplyshed the hole contentes of this statute accordingly.

¶ In arte declaring the dissolution of the kynges pretended marriages with the lady Anne of Cleues. Cap. xlv.



HE LORDES spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, callynge to theyr remembraunce the manyfolde detestable conspyetes intestyne battayles, mortallitees of people, and disherysons, whiche heretofore haue sprongen and growen in this Realme, by occasion of diuersitee of tytes to the Crowne of the same whiche moste chiefly grewe and insurged by doubtes of marriages, and of the incertaynetee of the succession of the same: Consyderynge also, that (thanks be to God) all maner tytes bene nowe contioyned, consolydate, vnyted, and vested all onely in the kynges mooste royall persone, so that his maiestee is and standeth presently a iuste and vndoubted pure and perfecte kyng of this his Realme, againste whome none impediment oꝝ objection can oꝝ maie bee by any maner of meanes alledged: And that it appertaineth to the office and polycpe of all Cypule bodies of Realmes and countreys, moste chiefly, nexte to theyr duties to God, to forsee and provide for the suretie and certaintee of the succession of their kynges and chiefe gouernours, for as muche as vpon the certaintee thereof dependeth their hole common welthe rest peace and tranquillitee: And lately vnderstandynge that greatte ambyguities doubtes and questions haue ben moued in the marriage solemnised betwene the kynges maiestee and the lady Anne of Cleues, wherby greatte troubles and inconueniences myght hereafter sprynge and growe in this realme, to the imminent daunger of the destruction

struction of the subiectes therof, if remedy shulde not be speedily prouyded for the same. The temporall lordes and commons haue therfore made their mooste humble intercession and petition to the kynges mooste royall maiestee, that it myght please his hyghnesse of his accustomed goodnes, to committe the state of his saied mariage, with all the circumstaunces and dependaunces therof vnto the pzelates and clergie of this realme, to be searched examyned diffined and determined by them, accordyng to the truerthe, iustice, and equitee, in suche wyse as shuld stande with goddes pleasure, the kynges honour, and the welthe and tranquillitee of this realme. To whose mooste humble suite and petition his maiestee condescended and agreed, and therupon by his commission vnder his hyghnes great seale, committed the examinacion of his saied mariage to the archebyschoppes of bothe the prouynces of Caunterbury and Yorke, and to the pzelates and clergie of the same, by auctoritee wherof, the saied archebyschoppes pzelates and clergie haue assembled them selves together in their synode, and after longe examinacion and consultation in and vpon the validitee and invaliditee of the saied mariage, haue resolved declared and diffined by great aduise and delibetacion, and by their hole common assent, as by an instrument by them made and exhibited vnto the kynges maiestee, vnder the seales of the saied archebyschoppes, and with the approbacions and testimonies of foure sundre notares autentique thervnto subscribed, with their sundre signes noze plainely appereth: The tenour of whiche instrument hereafter fully ensueth in these wordes.

CTo the most excellent, most hygh and mightie prince, and our soueraigne lord HENRY the eight, kyng of Englande and of Fraunce, defendour of the faith, lord of Irelande, and supreme head in earth vnder Christ of the church of England, Thomas and Edward, by the sufferance of god, archbyschops of the prouynces of Canturbury and Yorke, with all reuerence honour and due subiection, health and felicitie. Where as your most excellent maiestee at the instances and requeste of the nobles and commons of your noble realme, hath by your graces letters commissionalles, dated the xvjte daie of July, the xxxii. yere of your reygne, committed vnto vs, and other our brethren, byshops of bothe prouynces, together with the deanes archdeacons and clergie of the same coniunctly and aparte, that we shulde by mature deliberacion discusse the cause of matrimonie, whiche betwene your most excellent maiestee and the noble lady Anne of Cleues, is many waies doubtfull and perplexed: And shulde furthermoze determine what we thought trwe and iuste, and what your maiestee myght do in the same, and that we shuld signifie vnto your hyghnes in a wrytunge autentique, what we had doon therein, as in the saied letters is conteyned moze expdently and at large. We therfore bothe in our owne name, and in the name of our saied brethren the byshops and the clergie, haue thought good to signifie to your most excellent maiestee, and do signifie by these presentes, that we and our saied brethren byshops of bothe prouynces, together with the deanes archdeacons and

and clergy, assembled by vertue and strengthe of your graces saied letters
comissionals, and congregate to make a synode vniuersall of this realme,
after we had herde, examined, wayed, and discussed, suche thynges as haue
bene proponen alledged affirmed and proued vnto vs. haue with a common
and seuerall assent and consente of all and singular, declared and determined,
your maiestee not to be bounde by the saied pretended mariage, whiche is of
it selfe naught and of no force: so as your maiestee, without carrying for any
other indgement, maie with the auctoritee of your churche, at your pleasure
and arbitre, contract and consummate, matrimonie with any woman, not
prohibited by goddes lawe to contract with your highnes, the foresaied pre-
tended mariage with the lady Anne not withstandyng. And that likewise
the saied lady Anne, not withstandyng the pretended mariage with your
highnes, which we determine to be no obstacle, maie at hir pleasure contract
matrimonie with any other persone, not forbydden to contract with hir by
goddes lawe. Whiche determination made by vs and the hole clergie, we
witnes pofesse and affirme, like as also they with vs haue witnessed pofes-
sed, and with subscription of theyr names, conformed to be trewe iuste pure
and honest, procedyng frome the syncre iudgement of our conference. To
the execution of whiche determination, the saied clergie hath with vs moste
perfectely holly and effectually assented and consented, lyke as we esteemes
consent and assent by these presentes.

CAND the saied lady Anne, beyng aduertysed by certayne noble men, of
the request of the nobyltee and comunons made to the kynges hyghnes, to
commette the examination diffinicion and determination of his graces ma-
riage with the same lady Anne, to the archebyschoppes byschops and clergie,
byd then of hir owne free will, assent and consente therunto, and inoꝛcouer
sithens that tyme, hauing knowlage and clere vnderstandyng of the reso-
lucion diffinicion and determination with the particularitees therof made
by the saied archebyschops byschops and clergie, hath in ptesence of certayne
noble men, as the same noble men haue openly in this courte of parlyam-
ment testified and declared, not onely trewely confessed and knowlageda-
monge other circumstaunces, that she remayneth not carnally knowen of
the kynges hyghnesse bodie, but also hath agreed and fully submitted his
selfe to the same determination, as to a thyng purely, trewely, iustly, in-
differently, and honourably done diffined and determined by the saied arch-
byschops byschops and clergie. And hir saied confession and agreement she
hath also signified by a letter subscribed with hir owne hande, whiche let-
ter and instrument hath bene openly red declared and published to the saied
lordes and comunons in this present parlyament assembled, in bothe houses
of the saied parlyament. In consideration wherof the saied lordes spiry-
tuall and tempozall, and the comunons in this present parlyamente assem-
bled, moste humbly beseechen the kynges moste royall maiestee, that it maie
be assented declared and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, as
well for the suretee and certainty of his highnes posteritee and succession, as
for

for the welch quietnes rest and tranquillite of this realme, that the mariage betwene his highnesse and the saied lady Anne of Cleues is clerely voyd and of no force value ne effect. And that his maiestee is at his libertee and pleasure to contract matrimonie and mary with any other woman, not prohibited by the lawe of God to mary with his highnes. And that the saied Lady Anne, not withstanding the saied pretended mariage betwene the kynges maiestee and the same lady Anne, at his libertee and pleasure may contract matrimonie and mary with any other person, not prohibited by the lawe of god to mary with him. And that suche marriage, whiche the kynges maiestee hereafter shall solemnise and consummat with any woman, not prohibited by the lawes of god to mary with his highnesse, and the posteritee and successiõ procreated of suche marriage, shall be good pure perfect and lawfull, the saied pretended marriage, betwene his highnes and the saied lady Anne, or any other thing or thynges to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding. And that the saied lady Anne, shall not be named or called within this realme, nor in any other the kynges dominions nor els where, the kynges wife nor Quene of this realme. And that all letters patentes made by his highnes vnto the saied lady Anne, in consideration of the saied pretended marriage so; his dowry and ioynture or otherwise, be voyd and of none effect.

¶ AND be it also enacted by thauentice abovesaid, that if any person or persons of what estate degree dignitee or condicion so euer he or they be, after the first daie of Septembze next coming, by writyng or impryntyng, or by any other exterie; act worde or dedde, directly or indirectly, accept or take iudge or beleue the saied pretended mariage, had betwene his maiestee and the saied lady Anne of Cleues, to be good lawfull, or of any effecte: Or by wordes writyng pryncyng dedde or acte procure or do, or cause to be procured or done, any thyng or thynges, to or for the interruption repel or aduulacion of this acte, or of any thyng therein contained: That than every such person and persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, and they; aidours counsaillours mayntenours and abettours, and every of them, for every such offence befoze specified, shall be adiudged high traitours, and every such offence shall be adiudged highe treason, and the offendours therein they; aidours counsellours mayntenours and abettours, and every of them, being lawfully conuicted of any such offence by presentment verdict confession or proce, accordyng to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffer paynes of death, as in cases of highe treason. And that also every such offendour, being conuict as is aforesaid, shall lose and forfeite to his highnes, and to his heires and successours kynges of this realme, all such manors landes tenementes rentes reuerfions annuitees and hereditamentes, whiche they had in possession as owners, or were sole leased of by or in any right title or meanes, or any other person or persons had to their life of any estate of inheritance at the date of suche treasons and offences by them committed and doon: And shall also lose and forfeite to his highnes, and to his saied heires, as well all maner such estate of freeholdes and interest in

peres of landes and teneimentes, as all other goodes cattalles and debtes, whiche they had at the tyme of theyr conviction oꝛ atteynder of any suche offence. Sauynge alwaies to euery suche person and persons and bodies politike and theyr heires assignes and successours, and to the heyres and successours of euery of them, other than suche persons as shall be so convicted and attainted, and theyr heires and successours, & all other claying to theyr dres, all suche right title dle interest possession condicion rentes fees offices annuities and commons, whiche they oꝛ any of them shall haue in oꝛ hypon any suche manors landes tenementes rentes annuities oꝛ hereditamentes that shall so happen to be lost and forsaite by reason of any conviction oꝛ atteynder foꝛ any the treasons and offences aboue reherced, at the tyme of the saied treasons and offences committed, oꝛ at any tyme after.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and singular the kynges loupnge subiectes, whiche haue spoken done practised committed attempted oꝛ procured to be dooen oꝛ attempted directly oꝛ indirectly, by wordes wytinges printinges oꝛ any exterieoꝛ act oꝛ actes, any thing oꝛ thynges what so euer it be, against the mariage solemnised betwene the kynges maiestie and the saied lady Anne, oꝛ foꝛ the setting forth oꝛ perfectment of the dissolucion therof, oꝛ against the person of the saied lady Anne, oꝛ hir estate oꝛ dignitee, which she pretendeth by reason of the saied mariage, oꝛ haue done any thing oꝛ thynges acte oꝛ actes, oꝛ spoken wyitten oꝛ imprinted any wordes, oꝛ procured to be done any thyng oꝛ thynges act oꝛ actes oꝛ any wordes to be spoken wyitten oꝛ imprinted contrary oꝛ against the saied mariage, oꝛ any Dependences therof, whiche mought be taken demed oꝛ interpreted foꝛ treason oꝛ misprision of treason by any construction, by vertue of any estatutes of this realme heretofore made, shalbe frely and clerely pardoned discharged and released by auctoritee of this acte of all those and such treasons & misprisions of treasons aboue mencioned. And that none of his saied loupnge subiectes foꝛ any of the saied treasons oꝛ misprision of treason aboue mencioned & specified, shal hereafter at any time by any maner of meanes be impeched vexed oꝛ troubled, but vterly discharged therof foꝛ euer.

¶ In acte concerning true opinions and declarations of Chyrties religion. Cap. xxvi.

WHERE THE kynges royall maiestee of his blessed and gracious disposicion, lyke as his hyghnes is our soueraigne liege lord and supzeme heade of the churche of Englande, so his grace taketh the care and sollicitude therof, moste diligently forseyng and prouydyng all that can be to the quiet vniõn conforde prosperitee welth & furtherance of the same. Considering also, that nothing so much troubleth the common welth, & hindereth quiet & concord, as diuersitee in opinions & belene specially in thynges that concerne almighty god & his religion. And of his prudence & wisdom wel wateryng, that out of sundry outward partes & places there haue sprong, ben sowne, and set forth diuerse hereticall erroneous and daungerous opinions and doctrines in the

the religion of Christ, whereby some of his graces liege people mighte be not onely disquieted and moued to variances strifes commotions or seditions amonge them selves, to the vtter destruction and vndooping of them selves, and of their hole posteritee for euer, but also enduced and allured to vnfaithfulnesse misdoeing miscreaunce and contempt of god, to the vtter confusion and dampnation of their soules, onelesse by his maiesties prouidence some good remedy shulde be ordeyned for the same: hath of his bountifull royall clemencie therfore appoynted establisshed and ordeyned tharchbishops and sundry bishops of both prouinces of Canturbury and Yorke within this his realme, and also a great numbre of the best lerned honestest and moste vertuous sorte of the doctours of diuinitie, men of discrecion iudgemente and good disposition of this saied realme, to the intent that accordyng to the very gospel and lawe of god, without any partypall respecte or affection to the papistcail sorte or any other secte or sectes what so euer they be, they should declare by wytyng and publishe as well the principall articles and pointes of our faith and beleue, with the declaracion true vnderstandynge and obseruation of suche other expedient pointes, as by them with his graces aduise counsaile and consent shalbe thought nedefull and expedient: And also for the laufull rites ceremonies and obseruacions of goddes seruice within this his graces realme. And for as muche as the true diffinition determination and declaracion therof requirerh ripe and mature deliberacion and aduise, & that so high and godly thynges maie not rashely be defined determined and set forth, nor be astricted or restrained to this present session or any other session of this parlyament, but from tyme to tyme be diffined determined concluded and publisshed, as the case shall requyre, and as his maiestie with the aduise of his moste honourable counsaile, and such as his highnes hath appoynted, or shall from time to tyme appoynt to the same, shal thinke most conuenient. Be it therfore enacted ordeined and establisshed by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and euery determinacions declaracions decrees diffinitions resolutions and ordinances, as accordyng to goddes worde and Christes gospel, by his maiesties aduise and confirmation by his letters patentes vnder his graces great seale, shall at any tyme hereafter be made sette forth declared decreed diffined resolved and ordeyned by the saied archebishops bishops byshoppes and doctours nowe appoynted, or other persons hereafter to be appoynted, by his royall maiestie, or els by the hole clergy of Englande, in and vpon the matter of Christes religion and the christen faith, and the laufull rites ceremonies and obseruacions of the same, shall be in all and euery poynt limitation and circumstance therof, by all his graces subiectes and other resiantes and inhabitauntes within this his graces realme, and other his graces dominions, fully beleued obeyed obserued and persourined to all purposes ententes constructions and enterpretacions, vpon the pernes and penaltees therein to be compysed, as if the same determinacions declaraci-

ons decrees diffinitions resolutions and ordinaunces and euery of them, with the paynes and penalties therein comprised, had ben were or shulde be by expresse wordes termes and sentences plainly and fully made set forth declared reherced and contened in this presente acte: any vse custome or statute heretofore had, vsed, obserued or accustomed to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Enproued alwaies that nothyng shall be done ordeyned diffined or provided by auctoritee of this acte, which shalbe repugnaunte or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme: any thyng in this acte contened to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ The resumption of extraordinary grauntes and licences of absence and reuercions in the towne of Calais and the marches of the same, and in Barwyke, and of the Gwerthwysen for lyfe in Wales. Cap. xxvii.



WHERE dyuerse of the kynges subiectes by their sinister and subtyll informacion and meanes haue heretofore had and obteyned of the kynges maiestee, as well by letters patentes as by bylles and warrantes assigned by his graces hande, dyuerse grauntes for terme of lyfe and lynes of diuerse offices fees wages and other profyttes beyng extraordinary, and not the ordinary offyces fees wages or profyttes of the garrisons within the townes of Calais Guynes Hammes Rupshanke, and the marches of the same, and in the towne of Barwyke: And haue lykewyse obteyned of the kynges hyghnes diuers speciall warrantes and lycences for to be absente and none resident in and vpon theyr ordinary offyces within the saied townes and marches: And where also dyuerse of the kynges subiectes of theyr sinister and subtyll meanes haue like wise obtayned of the kynges maiestee for terme of lyfe and lyfes, dyuerse grauntes vnto them made by the kynges graces letters patentes of dyuerse offyces of shyppe wyches within the kynges dominion of Wales, contrary to the common welthe of the countrey there, not onely to the great vnSURETEE of the saied townes and places aboue reherced, but also to the great disquietyng vexacion and trouble of the kynges lounge and obedient subiectes. For reformation whereof be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, that all and singular suche lettres patentes warrantes and lycences heretofore graunted or made by the kynges maiesty to any person or persons, as is aforesaid, and euery of theym, shall by the auctoritee afoze saied from and after the firste daie of Septembze nexte commynge, be clerely voyde frustrate and of none effecte to all intentes constructions and purposes. And also that all and singular grauntes of the reuercion or reuercions of any offyce or offices in the townes aboue reherced and matches of the same, shall by the auctoritee aforesaid, be lykewyse voyde frustrate and of none effecte to all intentes and purposes.

In acts that lessee shall enjoy their termes against the tenants in tale, or in the right of their tithes, or churches, &c. Cap. xxviii.



HERE GREAT nūmbe of the kynges subiectes haue heretofore taken leasēs of landes tenementes and other hereditamentes for terme of yeres, and bypurches of theym for terme of lyfes, and haue geuen and paid great fynes and great summes for the same, and also haue ben at great costes and charges, as well in and about great reparacions & buildinges vppon their saied termes as otherwyle, concerning thei same termes: Yet not withstanding the saied termours, after thei deathes or resignacions of thei leassours, haue bene and be daily with great crueltie expulsed, and put out of thei saied termes and takynges, by the heyres or successours of thei saied leassours, or by such persons as haue interest therein after the deathes or resignacions of thei saied leassours, by reason of prauile gyftes of entaile, or for that the leassours had nothyng in the landes tenementes or other hereditamentes so letten, at the tyme of the leasles therof made, but onely in the ryght of thei wyues, or suche other lyke cause, to the great impouerishment, and in maner viter vndoing of the saied termours. For refozmacion wherof, be it ordeyned establisshed and enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all leasēs hereafter to be made of any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, by wrytyng indented vnder seale for terme of yeres, or for terme of lyfe by any personne or personnes, beyng of full age of one and twentie yeres, hauyng any estate of enheritaunce, epyther in fee simple, or in fee tale, in thei owne ryghte, or in the ryghte of thei churches or wyues, or spūctely with thei wyues, of any estate of enheritaunce made befoze the coerture or after, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, againste the leassours, thei wyues, heyres, and successours, and euery of theym, accordyng to suche estate as is comprised and specified in euery suche endenture of lease, in lyke maner and fourme as the same shulde haue bene, if the leassours therof, and euery of theym, at the tyme of the makynge of suche leasēs, hadde bene lawfully sealed of the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes comprised in suche endenture, of a good perfecte and pure estate of fee simple therof to their owne onely vles.

PROVIDED alwaie, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any leasēs to bee made of any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes being in the handes of any fermour or fermours by vertue of any olde lease, onelesse the same olde lease be expired surrendred or ended within one yere next after the makynge of the saied newe lease, nor shall extende to any graunte to be made of any reuercion of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, nor to any lease of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche haue not most commonly ben letten

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letten to ferme or occupied by the fermours therof by the space of .xx. yerres nexte before suche lease therof made, nor to any lease to be made, withoute unpeachment of waste, nor to any lease to be made aboute the numbere of one and thwentie yerres, or thre lyues at the moste from the date of makynge therof. And that vppon every suche lease, there be reserved perely durynge the same lease, betwe and payable to the lessours, theyr heyres and succelours, to whome the same landes shoulde haue comen after the deathes of the lessours, if no suche lease hadde bene therof made, and to whome the reuerfion therof shall apparteine, acco:dyng to theyr estates and interestes, so muche perely ferme or rente or moze, as hath bene mooste accustomedly yelden or payde for the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to be letten within .xx. yerres next before such lease therof made, and that every suche person and persons, to whome the reuerfion of suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes so to be letten, shall appartayne, as is aforesaid, after the deathes of such lessours or their heyres, shal and maie haue suche lyke remedie and auauntage, to all ententes and pourposes, againste the lessees therof, theyr executours and assignes, as the same lessour shoulde or myght haue had againste the same lessees: So that if the lessour were seased of any espycail estate taylor of the same hereditamentes, at the tyme of suche lease, that the issue or heire of that speccail estate, shall haue the reuerfion, rentes, and seruyces, reserved vppon suche lease after the death of the saied lessour, as the lessour him selve might or ought to haue had, if he had lyued.

¶ **PROVYDED** alwaie, that the wyfe be made partee to every suche lease, whiche hereafter shall be made by hir housbande, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, beyng the inheritaunce of the wyfe, and that every such lease be made by indenture in the name of the housband and his wyfe, and she to seale to the same: And that the ferme and rente be reserved to the housebande, and to the wyfe, and to the heyres of the wyfe, acco:dyng to hir estate of inheritaunce in the same. And that the housebande shall not in any wyse alyen, discharge, graunte, or geue awaie the same rente reserved, nor any parte therof, longer than durynge the couerture, without it be by fyne leuyed by the saied housebande and wyfe: But that the same rente shall remayne, dyscende, reuerte, or come, after the deathe of suche housebande, vnto suche persone or persones, and theyr heyres, in suche maner and sozte, as the landes so leased shulde haue done, if no suche lease had therof been made.

¶ **PROVYDED** also, that this acte extende not to geue any lybertee or power to any person or persons, to take any ino fermes leases or takynge of any manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, than he or they shoulde or myght laufully haue dooen before the makynge of this acte: nor extende to geue any lybertee or power to any person or by cause of any church or vicarage, for to make any lease or graunt of any their messuages landes tenementes, tythes, profits, or hereditamentes, belongyng to theyr churches

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or vicarages, other wyse or in any other maner, than they shoulde or myght haue done befoze the makynge of this acte: And thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all leases at any tyme within the space of thre yerres nexte befoze the .xii. daie of April, in the .xxxii. yere of our soueraigne lord the kynges reygne, made by wrytynge indented vnder seale by any person or persons of full age, of hole memoze, not vnlawfully coartced, nor beyng couerte baron, for terme of yerres of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof the leassour or leassours were seased of any estate of inheritance of and in the same to theyr owne onely vse at the tyme of makynge any suche lease therof, and wherof the leases theyr executours or assignes be now in possession by vertue of the same lease, and no cause of reentre or forsaiture therof had no made, shall be good and effectuali in the lawe agaynst the leassours, theyr heyes and successours, and the heyes and successours of euery of theym, accordynge to the couenauntes articles and agreementes specyfyed in euery suche indenture of lease. So alwaies there be reserued and perty payable durynge the same lease, to the said leassours, theyr heyes or successours, or to suche other as shulde or ought to haue hadde the same manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so leassed, after the deceasse of suche leassours, in case no suche lease had therof bene made, as muche yerely rente for the same, as was at any tyme therfoze yelden or paid within .xx. yerres nexte befoze the makynge of any suche lease, or elles suche leases to be of no other force ne effect than they were befoze the makynge of this present acte.

And mozeouer for certayne considerations be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that no fyne feoffment or other acte or actes hereafter to be made suffered or doen by the husoande onely, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, beyng the inheritance or freeholde of his wife, during the couerture betwene them, shall in any wyse be or make any discontinuance therof, or be pzeindiciall or hurtful to the said wife or to hir heyes, or to suche as shall haue ryght title or interest to the same by the deeth of suche wyfe or wyues: But that the same wyfe and hir heyes, and suche other, to whom suche ryght shall appertayne after hir deceasse, shall and maie than lawfully entre into all suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes accordynge to theyr rightes and titles therein, any such fyne feoffment or other act to the contrary not withstanding: fynes leuied by the husbande and wyfe (wherunto the said wife is partie and pzeue) onely excepte.

And prouided furthermoze, that this clause or acte extende not to geue any libertie to any suche wife, or to hir heyes, for to auoyde any lease hereafter to be made of any thynheritaunce of the wyfe by hir husband and hir for terme of .xxi. yerres, or vnder, or any hir inheritance for terme of thre liues at the vttermoste, wherbypon as muche yerely rent or moze is or shall be reserued, and perty payable durynge the same lease, as was at any tyme therfoze yelden

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den or pated within .xx. yerres nexte befoze the makynge of any suche lease accordyng to the tenour of this present acte: any thyng therein coneyned to the contrary not withstanding.

C Couyned also that this acte extende not to make good any lease or leases heretofore made by any ecclesiasticall persone or persones by thei couent or common scale, whiche be made boide or taken awaie by auctoritee of any acte of parliament heretofore made, nor extende to make good any lease or leases heretofore made by any ecclesiasticall person or persons, now beynge attainted of treason, vnder thei couent scale or otherwyle, or by any other person or persons now beynge attainted of treason by acte of parliament, or otherwyle: But that all and singular suche lease and leases, and euery of them now made, or hereafter to be made, shall be of such like effecte and strength in the lawe, and none other, as thei and euery of them were befoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng befoze mencioned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

In acte concernynge customable landes in Oswaldebeche soke. Cap. xxix.

IT IS ENACTED ordeyned and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all meales landes tenementes and other hereditamentes beynge gyltable, sette lynnge and beynge within the lordes hygge and soke of Oswaldebeche, otherwile Oswaldebeche soke within the countie of Notyngham, wherof any personne or persones be now seised in possession reuerlion or in remainder in fee symple or fee tayle, whiche be pretended by a custome there to be partible betwene and amongst heires males, shall from hence forth be clerely changed from the saied custome, and in no wyle hereafter be departed or departible by any custome there amongst and betwene heires males, but shall remaine reuert abide discende come and be after and accordyng as meales landes tenementes and other hereditamentes do or maye discende remaine reuert abide come or be accordyng to the common lawe of this realme, and in lyke maner to discend and be discendable remaine reuert come and be inheritable to the heire or heires after and accordyng to the saied common lawe of this realme of Englande: and that all and singular the saied meales landes tenementes and hereditamentes shall from hence forth be accepted taken inherited demed and adiudged to be lyke as landes tenementes and other hereditamentes at the common lawe of this realme, and in suche maner and fourme as if the same meales landes tenementes and other hereditamentes had neuer bene departed or departible betwene and amongst heires males: Any lawe vsage or custome within the saied lordshipp or soke heretofore had accepted or vsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.



How as muche as the partie plaintifes and demaundantes in all maner of actions and suites as well reall as personall at the common lawe of this realme, befoze this tyme haue ben greatly delaied and hindered in theyr suites and demaundes, by reason of the craftie subtil and negligent pleadynge of the plaintifes or demandantes, defendantes, or tenauntes, where any action or demand hath ben sued had or made, as well in ministring of theyr declarations and barettes, as also in theyr repleracions, reioynders, rebutters, iopnyng of issues, and other pleadynge, to the great hurt delaie and hynderance of the saied playntifes or demandantes, or to the vexacion of the defendantes or tenants: In so muche that whan the issues iopned in the same actions betwene the partees to the same hath ben tried and founde by the verdyte of. xii. or mo indifferent persons, for the saied plaintifes or demandantes, or for the tenants or defendantes, and the Justices redie to geue iudgemente for the saied partees, for whome the saied issue was founde: the same partees haue bene compelled by the course and order of the common lawe of this realme afoze this time, to repleade, and the said verdytes so geuen, as is afoze reheresed to be taken as voyde and of none effect, sometime because the issues haue ben misloyned and a iopfayle, and sometime by takynge auantage of the partees owne mispleadynge, or in the pursuyng misconueynge or discontinuynge of proces of any of the partees, and for dyuers other causes, the whiche is thought as well a great sclander to the saied common lawe of this realme, and to the ministers of the same, as also a plaine delape and hynderaunce vnto the saied partees, in that they shulde not haue theyr iudgementes whan the issue hath ben founde and tried, as is afozesaid, to theyr great costes and charges. Be it therfoze enacted by the kyng our souerainne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that from henceforth, if any issue be tryed by the othe of twelue or mo indifferent men, for the partee playntiffe or demaundaunte, or for the partee of the tenaunte or defendaunte, in any maner of action or suite at the common lawe of this realme, in any of the kynges courtes of recozde: that than the Justice and Justices, by whome iudgement therof ought to bee geuen, shall procede and geue iudgement in the same, any mispleadynge, lacke of colour, insufficient pleadynge, or iopfayle, any misconuynge or discontinuance or misconueynge of processe, misloynynge of the issue, lacke of warrant of attourney for the partee, against whome the same issue shall happen to be tryed, or any other defeaute or neglygence of any of the partees, their counsellours or attourneys, had or made to the contrary not withstanding. And the saied iudgementes therof so to bee hadde and geuen, shall stande in full strength and force to all intentes and purposes, accordyng to the saied verdycte, without any reuersell or vndooyng of the same by writte of errour or of faulse iudgemente, in lyke sortme as thoughe no suche defeaute or negly:

neglygence had neuer ben had oꝝ commytted.

PROVIDED alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, in a-
uoydng of errors and other great inconueniences, that basely dooe foꝝ-
tune to tye and growe in the kynges courtes of recoꝝde at westm. throughe
the negligence of attournayes, because they deliuer not theyꝝ warrantes of
attournepe, in suche actions and suites wherein they be named attournay,
accoꝝdng to the lawes of this realme, that all and euery suche personne
and persons, whiche shall foꝝtune hereafter to be attourney, to oꝝ foꝝ any
other persone oꝝ persones, beyng demaundaunte oꝝ plainetyfe, tenaunt oꝝ
defendaunte in any action oꝝ suite, at any tyme hereafter commensed oꝝ ta-
ken in any of the kynges saied courtes, and pleade to any issue in the same
action oꝝ suite: That than the same attournays, and euery of theym from
tyme to tyme, shall deliuer oꝝ cause to bee deliuered his oꝝ theyꝝ suffyciente
and lawefull warrant of attourney, to be entred of recoꝝde foꝝ euery of the
saied actions oꝝ suites, wherein they be named attournayes, to the offycer
oꝝ his depute, oꝝ deyned foꝝ the recepyte and enteryng therof, in the same
terme, whan the saied pꝛsue is entred of recoꝝde in the saied Courte, oꝝ
afoꝝe, vppon payne of foꝝsaytynge vnto our saied soueraigne loꝝde tenne
poundes sterl. foꝝ euery default foꝝ none deliuerynge of the saied warrant of
attourney: And also further to suffer suche emprysonment as by the discre-
cion of the Iustices of the courte foꝝ the tyme beyng, where any suche default
shall foꝝtune to be had oꝝ made, shalbe thoughte conuenient: This pꝛesent
acte, with the pꝛouiso, to endure tyll the laste daie of the nexte parlyament.

**An acte foꝝ the auoydng of recoueries by collusion by tenantes
foꝝ terme of lyfe.** Cap. xxxi.



WHERE byuerse persons beyng seased of landes tenementes
and hereditamentes as tenautes by the courtesy of England,
oꝝ other wyse onely foꝝ terme of lyfe oꝝ lyues, haue heretofore
permitted and suffered other persons by agreement oꝝ couyne
betwene them had to recouer the same landes and tenementes,
and other hereditamentes, agaynst the same particular tenautes in the
kynges courte, by reason wherof those persones, to whom the reuercion oꝝ
remaynder therof hath belonged, haue after the deathes of the same parti-
cular tenantes ben dꝛyuen to theyꝝ actions foꝝ the recontinuance and obtai-
nyng of the saied landes and tenementes so recouered, to theyꝝ greate and
impoztable charges costes and expenses, and sometime haue ben clerely dis-
herited of the same, to theyꝝ manifeste iniurie and wꝛonge in that behalfe,
foꝝ remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kyngs oure soueraigne loꝝde, with
the assent of the loꝝdes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the comons in this
pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all suche
recoueries hereafter to be had oꝝ pꝛosecuted by agreement of the partees oꝝ
by couyne as is aforesaid, agaynst any suche particular tenaunt, of any lan-
des tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, wherof the same particular tenaunte is

or hereafter shall be leased as tennaunte by the curtesy of England, tenant in
taylor after possibilitie of issue extincte, or otherwys for terme of lyfe, shall
from henceforth as against such person or persons, to whome the reuercion
or remainder therof shall than appertaine, and againste theyr heires and
successours, be clerely and vnderly bounde and of none effecte, any lawe or
usage heretofore had to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.
And provided alwaie that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall
extend or be prejudicial to any person or persons that shall hereafter by good
title recouer any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, without fraude or
constrynge, againste any suche particular tennaunt, as is before mencioned, by
reason of any former ryght or title, nor to auoyde any recouery hereafter to
be had against any suche particular tennaunt by thassent and agremente of
those in the reuercion or remainder, so that the same assent and agrement
dooe appere of recoorde in the kynges courte, but that all and euery suche re-
couery and recoueries, so to be had or prosecuted bypon former ryghtes or
titles, or by thassentes or agrementes of those in the reuercion or remain-
der apperteyning of recoorde as is aforesaid, shall stande and bee in lyke force
strength and effecte, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng
herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

An acte concerning iopnctenantes for terme of lyfe or yeres. Cap. xxii.



FOR AS muche as in the parliament begon at Westm. the
xxviii. date of April, and there continued tyl the. xxviii. date
of June the. xxxi. yere of the kynges most noble and victo-
rious reigne that now is, It was amongst other thynges
there enacted and established, that all iopnct tennautes and
tenautes in comen, that than were or hereafter shulde be
of any estate or estates of inheritaunce in their owne ryghtes or in the ryght
of theyr wyfes, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes with-
in this realme of Englande wales or marches of the same, shall and may
be coacted and compelled by vertue of the saied acte, to make partition be-
twene them of all such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes as
they than held or hereafter shuld hold as iopnctenantes or tenants in com-
mon, as moze plainly at large appereth by the saied statute. And soasmuche
as the saied estatute doeth not extende to iopnctenantes or tenants in com-
mon for terme of lyfe or yeres, nother to iopnctenantes or tenants in com-
mon where one or some of them haue but a particular estate for terme of lyfe or
yeres, and the other haue estate or estates of inheritaunce of and in any ma-
nours landes tenementes and hereditamentes. Be it therefore enacted by
the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by the assent of his lordes spiritual and tem-
porall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the
auctoritee of the same, that all iopnct tenantes and tenants in common and
euery of them, whiche now holde or hereafter shall holde iopnctly or in com-
mon for terme of lyfe yere or yeres, or iopnctenantes or tenants in common
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where one or some of them haue or shall haue estate or estates for terme of lyfe or yerres, with the other that haue or shall haue estate or estates of inheritance or freholde in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall and may be compellable from henceforth by writ of partition to be pursued out of the kynges court of Chauncery vpon his or thei? case or cases, to make seuerance and partition of all suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche they holde ioyntly or in common for terme of lyfe or lyfes yere or yerres, where one or some of them holde ioyntly or in common for terme of lyfe or yerres with other, or that haue an estate or estates of inheritance or freholde.

Wherbynded alwaie and be it enacted that no suche partition nor seuerance hereafter to be made by force of this acte, be nor shall be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, thei? heires or successours, or other than suche whiche be parties vnto the saied partition thei? executours or assignes.

¶ That wrongfull disseyn is no dyscent in the lawe. Cap. xxxii.



HERE DYVERS personnes of thei? insatiable myndes haue heretofore, by strength, and without title, entered into manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, and wrongfully diseased the rightfull owners and possessours therof, and so beyng sealed by disseyn haue therof dyed sealed, by reason of whiche dyng sealed, the disseyn, or suche other persons as befoze suche dyscent might haue lawfully entred into the said manours landes and tenementes, were and bee thereby clerely excluded of thei? entre into the saied manours landes and tenementes, and put to their action for thei? remedy and recovery therein, to thei? great costes and charges. For refozmacion wherof be it enacted by the auctoritee of this p?esente parliament, that the dyng sealed hereafter of any suche diseasour or in any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, haupng no right or title therein, shall not be taken or demed from hence forth any suche dyscent in the law, for to tolle or take awaie the entre of any suche person or persons, or thei? heires, whiche at the tyme of the same dyscent had good and lawfull title of entre into the saied manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes: Excepte that suche diseasour hath had the peasible possession of suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof he shall so be diseased, by the space of fyve yerres nexte after the diseasyn therein by him committed, without entre or continuall claime by or of suche person or persons as haue lawfull title thervnto.

¶ An acte concerning grauntes of reuerfions to take advantage of the conditions to be performed by the lessees. Cap. xxxiii.

WHERE BEFORE this tyme dyuerse, as well tempo?all as ecclesiastical and religiouse personnes, haue made sundry leases demises and grauntes to diuerse other persones of sundry manours lordshippes

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mentes, foꝛ terme of lyfe oꝛ lyfes, oꝛ foꝛ terme of yeres by wytyng under
theyꝝ seale oꝛ seales, concernyng certayne condicions couenantes and agree-
mentes to be perfoꝛmed, as well on the parte and behalfe of the saied lessees
and grauntes their executours and assignes, as on the behalfe of the said
lessours and grauntours, theyꝝ heires and successours. And foꝛasmuche as
by the comon lawe of this realme no stranger to any couenant action oꝛ con-
dition shall take any aduantage oꝛ benefite of the same by any meanes oꝛ
waies in the law, but only such as be parties oꝛ priues therunto, by the rea-
son wherof as well all grauntes of reuerſions, as also all grauntes and pa-
tentis of the kyng our soueraigne lord of sundꝝ manors lordshippes gran-
ges fermes meases landes tenementes medowes pastures oꝛ other heredi-
tamentes late belongyng to monasteries and other religyous and ecclesi-
astical houses, dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished foꝛfeited geuen
by oꝛ by other meanes come to the handes and possession of the kinges ma-
iestie, sins the fourth date of february, the. xxvii. yere of his most noble rene
be excluded to haue any entre oꝛ action against the saied lessees and graun-
tees theyꝝ executours oꝛ assignes, whiche the lessours befoꝛe that time mought
by the lawe haue had against the same lessees foꝛ the breach of any condicion
couenante oꝛ agreemente comprised in the indentures of theyꝝ saied leases
dimises and grauntes. Be it further enacted by the kyng our soueraigne
lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present
parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that as well all and e-
uery person and persons, and bodies politike, their heires successours and
assignes, whiche haue oꝛ shall haue any gift oꝛ grant of our saied soueraigne
lord by his letters patentis of any lordshippes manors landes tenementes
rentes personages tythes poꝛcions oꝛ any other hereditamentes, oꝛ of any
reuerſion oꝛ reuerſions of the same, whiche did belong and appertain to any
of the saied monasteries and other religious and ecclesiastical houses, dissol-
ued suppressed relinquished foꝛfeited oꝛ by any other meanes come to the
kynges handes sins the saied fourth date of february, the. xxvii. yere of his
most noble reigne, oꝛ whiche at any time heretofore did belong oꝛ appertain
to any other person oꝛ persons, and after came to the handes of our saied so-
ueraigne lord, as also all other persons, being grauntees oꝛ assignees to oꝛ
by our saied soueraigne lord the king, oꝛ to oꝛ by any other person oꝛ persons
than the kynges hyghnes, and the heires executours successours and as-
signes of euery of theym, shall and maie haue and enioy lyke aduantage a-
gainst the lessees theyꝝ executours administratours and assignes, by entre
foꝛ none payment of the rent, oꝛ foꝛ doynge of wast, oꝛ other foꝛfeiture: and
also shall and maie haue and enioy all and euery such like and the same ad-
uantage benefyte and remedies by action onely foꝛ not perfoꝛmyng of o-
ther condicions couenantes oꝛ agreementes, conteyned and expꝛessed in
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euery the saied lessees and fermours and grauntees theyꝝ executours admi-
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administratours and assignes, as the sayde lessours or grauntours them selues or theyr heires or successours oughte shuld or myght haue had and enioyed at any tyme or tymes, in lyke maner and fourme as if the reuercion of suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes hadde not come to the handes of oure sayde souerayn lord, or as our sayd souerayn lord his heires and successours shuld or myght haue had and enioyed in certeine cases by vertue of the acte made at the first session of this present parliament, if no suche graunt by letters patentes had ben made by his highnes.

¶ Nowe couer be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all fermours lessees and grantees of lordships, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, personages tythes, porcions, or any other hereditamentes, for terme of yeres lyfe or lyfes, theyr executours administratours and assignes, shall & maye haue lyke action aduantage and remedy againste all and euery person and persones and bodies politike, theyr heires successors and assignes, which haue or shall haue any gyfte or graunt of the kyng our souerain lord, or of any other person or persones, of the reuercion of the same manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes so letten, or any parcell therof, for any condicion couenante or agremente conteyned or expessed in the indentures of theyr lease and leasses, as the same lessees or any of them myght and shulde haue had againste theyr sayd lessours and grauntours, theyr heires or successours, all benefytes and aduantages of recoveries in value by reason of any warranty in dedde or in law, by voucher or otherwysely onely excepted.

¶ Provided alwayes that this act, nor any thyng or thynges therein conteyned, shall extend to hynde or charge any person or persons, for the breach of any couenante or condicion compysed in any such wyting as is aforesayd, but for suche couenantes and condicions as shall be broken or not perfourmed after the fyrst day of September next comming, and not before: any thing before in this acte contened to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ An acte that iustices of the forestes may make deputies. Cap. xxxv.



FOR AS muche as it is muche doubted, whether the kynges iustices of his forestes parkes and chases within this realme may lawfully make or depute any deputy or deputies for the exercising of their sayd comethes or office of iustice of the forestes. For the auoyding of which ambiguiety and doubte, & to the intent that the lawes of the foreste may be more truly and speedily executed, it may be enacted by the kyng our souerain lord, by thassente of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from hence forth the all and euery the iustice and iustices of the kynges forestes parkes and chases within this realme, which now be or hereafter shall be by theyr wyting sealed with the seale of theyr offyce, shall make assigne depute and appointe as many deputy or deputies for the exercisinge of the same offyce

of the iustice or iustices of the fozeistes, as to suche iustice or iustices from tyme to tyme shalbe thought conuenient, which deputy and deputies so appointed, shall haue like power and auctoritee to do and execute all thynges concernynge the kynges fozeistes parkes and chases, and all other thynges concernynge the offyce and offyces of the iustice of the fozeistes, to al intentes and purposes, and in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the same iustice or iustices myghte or may lawfully do or execute by the lawes of this realme, and as though the same iustice or iustices were there personally present in his or their owne person or persons.

An act for the expoyson of the statute of fynes.

Cap. xxxvi.



OR AS muche as in the fourthe yere of the raygne of the late kinge of famous memoꝝ kyng HENRY the, vii. father of our moste dread souerayn lord the kyng that now is, it was amonge many good and sundꝝ statutes and ordinaunces than made for the common welth, enacted ordeyned and established, the forme and maner howe fynes shuld be leuied with proclamacions in the kynges courte befoze his iustices of his common place, and that such fynes with proclamacions so had and made, to the intent to voyde all Griefes & debates shulde be a final ende, and conclude ofwel pꝛiuites as strangers to the same, certain persons excepted & saued, as in the same estatute moze playnly appereth. Wherthen whiche tyme by diuersitie of interpretacion and expoundinge of the same estatute, it hath ben and yet is by some maner of persons doubted and called in question, whether fynes with proclamacions leuied or to be leuied befoze the sayd iustices by any person or persons, haunynge or claymynge to haue, in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes comprised in the same fyne, in possession reuercion remainder or in vse, any maner of estate taile, shulde immediately after the sayd fyne leuied, engrossed, and proclamation made, binde the right heire and heires of such tenant in taile, and euery other person and persones, seised or claymynge to their vse or vles, by occasyon whereof diuers debates controuersies suites and troubles haue bene begon moued & had within this realme, and mo be lyke to ensue, if remedy for the same be not pꝛouided: For the establisment and refozmacion wherof and for the sure and spncere interpretacion of the sayd estatute, in auoydynge all daungiers, contencions, controuersies, ambiguities, and doubtes, that hereafter maye ensurge, growe, or happen. Our souerayn lord the kyng, with the assent of the lordes spiritual, & temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same hath enacted and ordeyned, that all and singular fynes, as well heretofore leuied as hereafter to be leuied, befoze the sayd iustices with proclamacions, accoꝝdynge to the sayd estatute, by any person or persons of full age of. xxi. yeres, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, befoze the tyme of the same fyne leuied, in any wyse entayled to the persone or persons so leuynge the same fyne, or to any the auncestour or

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ancestours of the same person or persons, in possession, reversion, remainder, or in use, shall be immediately after the same fine levied engrossed and proclamations made, adjudged accepted deemed and taken to all intents and purposes, a sufficient barre and discharge for ever agaynst the said person and persons and their heires, claiming the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or any parcell thereof, onely by force of any such entail, and agaynst all other persons claiming the same, or any parcell thereof only to their use, or to the use of any manner of heire of the bodies of them, any ambiguitie doubt or contrarietie of opinion rulen or growen upon the said estatute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shall extend to barre or exclude the lawfull entree title or interest of any heire or heires, person or persons, heretofore given, or hereafter to be given growen or accrued to them or any of them, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes by reason of any fine or fines, heretofore levied, or hereafter to be levied by any woman, after the death of hir husband, contrary to the fourme intent and effect of the estatute made in the xi. yere of the said late kyng HENRY the. vi. of any manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the inheritance or purchase of the said husband, or of any his ancestors, given or assigned to any such woman in dower for terme of life or in tale, in use or in possession, but that the same act made in the said xi. yere of the said late kyng HENRY the. vi. shall stande remaine and bee in full strength and vertue in every article sentence and clause therein conteigned, in lyke manner and fourme as though this present act had never ben had nor made.

Provided also that this acte ne any thyng therein conteigned, do extende to any fine or fines, at any tyme heretofore levied, or hereafter to be levied, of any lordships manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes what so ever they be, the possessioners and owners wher of by reason of any expresse wordes contained in any especiall act or actes of parliament, made or determined sithen the said xi. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng HENRY the. vi. stande bounden or restrained from making any alienacions discontinuances or other alteracions of any of the same lordships manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes conteigned in the said fine or fines, but that al and every such fine and fines, at any tyme heretofore levied, or hereafter to be levied by any such person or persons, or their heires, of any such lordships manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, shalbe of such lyke force and strength in the lawe, and of none other effect, then the same fine so levied or to be levied, shulde have ben, if this present acte had never ben had nor made: any thyng therein conteigned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteigned, shall extend to any fine or fines heretofore levied of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes nowe in suite demaunde or vaucaunce in any of

the kynges courtes, oꝛ wherof any charters euidences oꝛ munimentes concerning the same, be nowe in demaunde in the kynges high court of chauncery, noꝛ to any fyne oꝛ fynes heretofore leuied of any manours lādes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, whiche befoꝛe the fyrst day of this present parliament haue ben recouered gotten oꝛ obteyned, by reason of any iudgement entre decree arbytrement oꝛ other laifull meanes, contrary to the purpoꝛe intent oꝛ effect of any such fyne oꝛ fynes therof heretofore leuied, noꝛ to any fine oꝛ fines heretofore leuied oꝛ hereafter to be leuied by any person oꝛ persons of any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, befoꝛe the tyme of the leuieng of the same fine geuen graunted oꝛ assigned to the saied person oꝛ persons, so leuyng the same fine, oꝛ to any of his oꝛ their auncestours in the taylor, by vertue of any letters patentis of our saied souerayne lord, oꝛ any of his progenitours, oꝛ by vertue of any act oꝛ actes of parliament the reuerſion wherof at the tyme of the same fyne oꝛ fynes so leuyed beyng in our saied souerayne lord, his heires oꝛ successours: But that euery suche fyne and fynes shalbe of lyke foꝛce strength and effect, as they were oꝛ shulde haue ben, if this act had neuer ben had noꝛ made.

¶ An act foꝛ recovery of arrearages of rentes by execution of tenant in fee symple. Cap. xxxvii.



FOR AS MUCHE as by the oꝛder of the common lawe the executours oꝛ administratours of ternautes in fee symple, ternautes in fee taylor, and ternautes foꝛ terme of lytes, of rentes seruices, rente charges, rent seckes, and fee fermes, haue no remedy to recouer such arrearages of the said rentes oꝛ fee fermes, as were due vnto their testatours in their lyfes, noꝛ yet the heires of suche testatour, noꝛ any person hauynge the reuerſion of his estate, after his deceasse, maie destrayne oꝛ haue any laifull action, to leuie any suche arrearages of rentes oꝛ fee fermes, due vnto hym in his lyfe, as is aforesaid. By reason wherof the ternautes of the demeane of suche landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, out of the whiche suche rentes were due & payable, who of right ought to pay their rentes and fermes at such dates and termes as they were due, do many times kepe hold and retayne such arrearages in their owne handes, so that the executours and administratours of the persons, to whom such rentes oꝛ fee fermes were due, can not haue oꝛ come by the saied arrearages of the same, towarde the paymente of the debtes, and persourmaunce of the wylle of the saied testatours. Foꝛ remedy whereof, be it enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that the executours and administratours of euery suche personne oꝛ persones, vnto whome any suche rente oꝛ fee ferme is oꝛ shal be due, and not payde at the tyme of his deathe, shal and maie haue an action of dette foꝛ all suche arrearages, against the ternaunt oꝛ ternautes that ought to haue payde the saied rente oꝛ fee fermes so beyng behynde, in the lyfe of theyꝛ testatour, oꝛ agaynst the executours and administratours of

of the said tenants. And also furthermore it shall be lawefulle to euery
 such executour and admynistratour, of any such persone or person-
 nes, vnto whome such rent or fee ferme is or shall be due, and not payde
 at the tyme of his deathe, as is aforesaid, to distrayne for the arerages
 of all such rentes and fee fermes, vppon the landes tenementes and other
 hereditamentes, which were charged with the paiement of such rentes or fee
 fermes, and chargeable to the distresse of the said testatour, so longe as the
 said landes tenementes or hereditamentes continue remaine and be in the
 season or possession of the said tenant in demayne, whoo oughte imme-
 dyatly to haue payde the said rent or fee ferme soo beyng behynde, to
 the said testatour, in his lyfe, or in the season or possession of any other
 persone or personnes, clapyng the said landes tenementes and heredy-
 tamentes, onely by and from the same tenant by purchase gyfte or dis-
 cente, in lyke maner and fourme as their said testatour mought or oughte
 to haue done in his lyfe tyme: And the said executours and admynistra-
 tours shall for the same distresse lawfully make auowry vppon their mat-
 ter aforesaid.

PROVIDED alway that this arte, nor any thyng therein contel-
 ned, shall not extende to any such manour lordshippe or domynion in
 Wales, or in the marches of the same, wherof the inhabytautes haue bled
 tyme out of the mynde of man, to paye vnto euery lord or owner of such
 lordshippe manour or dominion, at his or theyre first entree in to the same,
 any summe or summes of money for the redemption and discharge of al du-
 ties for captures and penalties, wherewith the said inhabytautes were
 chargeable to any of theyre sayde lordes auncellours or predecessours be-
 fore his said entree.

AND FURTHER be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that yf
 any manne, whiche now hath, or hereafter shall haue in the ryghte of his
 wyfe, any estate in fee simple fee tayle or for terme of life or in any rentes
 or fee fermes, and the same rentes or fee fermes now be or hereafter shall be
 due behynde and vnpayde in the said wyfes lyfe: than the said husband,
 after the death of his sayde wyfe, his executours and admynistratores, shall
 haue an action of debte for the sayde arerages, agaynst the tenant of the
 demeane that ought to haue payde the same, his executours or administra-
 tours. And also the said husband after the death of his sayde wyfe, maye
 distrayne for the said arerages, in lyke maner and fourme as he mought
 haue done if his said wyfe had ben than luyng, and make auowry vppon
 his matter, as is aforesaid.

And lykewyse it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that yf a-
 ny person or persones, whiche now hath or hereafter shall haue any rentes
 or fee fermes for terme of lyfe or lyues, of any other person or persones, and
 the said rent or fee ferme, now be or hereafter shall be due behynde and vnpay-
 de in the lyfe of such person or persones, for whose lyfe or lyues the e-
 state of the said rent or fee ferme, dyd depende or contynue, and after the

sayde persone or personnes dothe dyer: Than he vnto whom the sayed rentes or fee ferme was due in fourme aforesayd, his executours and administratours, shal and may haue an action of dette agaynst the tenante in demene, that oughte to haue payed the same, whan it fyrste was due, his executours and administratours, and also distrayne for the same arerages vppon suche landes and tenementes, out of the whiche the sayd rentes or fee fermes were issuinge and payable, in suche lyke maner and fourme as he oughte or myght haue done, if such person or persons, by whose deathe the aforesayde estate in the sayde rentes and fee fermes was determined and expired, had bene in full lyfe and not deade: And the auowry for the takyng of the same distresse, to be made in maner and fourme aforesayde.

An act concernyng precontractes of mariages and touchyng degrees of consanguinitie. Cap. xxxviii.



HERE as heretofore the vsurped power of the byshop of Rome, hath alwayes entangled and troubled the mere iurisdiction and regalle power of this realme of Englande, and also biquieted muche the subiectes of the same, by his vsurped power in them, as by makyng that vnlauffull, whiche by goddes word is lauffull, both in mariages and other thinges, as hereafter shall appere at moze lengthe, and tyll nowe of late in oure soueraygne lordes tyme, whiche is oitherwys by lernynge taughte, than his predecessours in tymes past of longe tyme haue bene, hath so continewed the same, wherof yet some sparkes be lefte, whiche hereafter might kyndell a greater fyre, and so remaynyng, his power not to seme bitterly extyncte: Therfore it is thought mooste conueniente to the kynges hyghenesse, his lordes spyrituall and tempozal, with the comunons of his realme assembled in this presente parliament, that two thinges specially for this tyme be with dyligence prouided for, whereby many inconueniences hath enslewed, and many moelles mought enslewe and folowe, as where heretofore byuers and many personnes after longe continuances togyther in matrimony withoute any allegacion of eyther of the parties, or any other at theire mariage, why the same matrimony shulde not bee good iuste and lauffull and after the same matrimony solemnised and consummate by carnall knowlege, and also sometime fruite of chyldzen ensued of the same mariage, haue neuerthelesse by an vniust law of the byshop of Rome, whiche is, that vpon pretence of a formar contract made and not consummate by carnal copulation, for pzoofe whereof two witnes by that lawe, were onely required, ben diuozed and sepetate, contrary to goddes law, and so the trew matrimony both solemnised in the face of the churche, and consummate with bodily knowlege, and confirmed also with the fruite of chyldzen had betwene the, clerely frustate and dissolued. Further also by reason of other pzoptybitions then goddes law admitteth, for their lucre by that court inuented, the dispensacion wherof they alwayes reserued to them selues, as in kynred or affinity

affinitie betwene consen germanes, and so to fourth and fourth degre, carnal knowledge of any of the same kynne or affinitie befoze in suche outward degrees, which els were lafull and be not prohibited by goddes lawe, and all because they wolde get money by it, and kepe a reputacion to theyr vsurped iurisdiction, wherby not onely muche disorde betwene lafull married persons hath (contrary to goddes ordynance) arisen much debate and suite at the law, with the wrongfull vexacion and greate damage of the innocent party hath ben procured, and many iust mariages, broughte in double and daunger of vndoyng, and also many tymes vndone, and lafull heires disinherited, wherof there had neuer elles, but for his hayn glorious vsurpacion ben moued any such question, syng freidome in them was given by goddes lawe, whiche ought to be most sure and certayn. But that notwithstanding mariages haue ben broughte into suche an incertayntee therby, that no marriage coulde be so surely knitte and bounden, but it shuld lye in eyther of the parties power and arbiter, casting awaye the feare of god, by meanes and compasses to proue a precontracte, a kynned, and allpauce, or a carnal knowledge, to defeate the same: and so vnder the pretense of these allegations afoze reherseb, to lyue all the dayes of theyr lyfe in detestable adultery, to the vtter destruction of their owne soules, and the prouocaciō of the terrible wrath of god, vppon the places where suche abhominacions were bled and suffered. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled and by auctoritee of the same, that from the fyrst day of the moneth of July next commyng, in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundredethe and fourtie, all and euerye suche mariages as within this churche of Englande shall be contracted betwene lawefulle personnes, as by this acte we declare all personnes to be lawefull, that be not prohibited by goddes lawe to mary, suche mariages beynge contracte and solennised in the face of the churche, and consummate with bodily knowledge or fruite of chylde, or childe, beynge had therein betwene the parties so married, shall be by auctoritee of this present parlyament aforesaid, demed iudged and taken to be laful good iust and indissoluble, not withstandinge any precontract or precontractes of matrimony, not consummate, with bodily knowledge, which either of the persons so married or both shal haue made with any other person or persons befoze the tyme of contractyng that marriage, which is solennised and consummate, or wherof such frute is ensued or may ensue as afoze: and not withstanding any dispensacion prescripcion lawe or other thyng graunted or confirmed by acte or otherwyle. And that no reseruacion or prohybicion, goddes lawe excepte, shall trouble or impeache any marriage without the leuiticall degrees. And that no person, of what estate degre or condicion so euer he or she be, shall after the saied first daye of the moneth of July aforesaid, be admitted in any of the spiritual courtes within this the kynges realme, or any his graces other landes and dominions, to any procelle plea or allegation contrary to this soresaid acte.

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The jurisdiction of the great maister of the kynges household. Cap. xxxix.



As much as it hath pleased the kynges most royal maiestie to alter and change the name of the lord steward of his most honorable household, into the name of the great maister of his household, or Grand maister d'hostel du roy, & hath granted and giue the said office vnto his right trusty and right entirely beloved counsaill and counsaillor Charles duke of Suffolke, lord president of his most honorable counsaill, and hath named ordeined and appointed hym to be called lord great maister of his household, or Grand maister d'hostel du roy. His highnes of his excellent goodnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the sayde Charles duke of Suffolke, duringe the tyme that he shall haue the sayd office of great maister of the kynges household, or Grand maister d'hostel du roy, and all other who hereafter shall haue the said office by those names, or any of them, shall haue vse and enioy al suche and singular preeminences auctorities priuileges and jurisdictions in as large & ample maner facton forme and condicion, as the lord steward of the kynges household by vertue of that office and name of lord steward had, vsed, or oughte to haue vsed or had by reson of any custome vsages statutes or common lawes of the realme, and as if the said duke, and suche other as shall haue the said office had ben called and named lord steward of the kynges household.

An act concerning the priuileges of physicians. Cap. xl.



IN MOST HUMBLE wyle shewen vnto your maiestie, your trewe and faythfull subiectes and liege men, the president of the corporation of the commynalte and feloweship of the science and facultee of physike in your citee of London, and the commons and felowes of the same, that where as dyuerse of them manye tymes hauinge in cure as will some of the lordes of your mooste honourable Counsaill, and dyuerse tymes many of the nobilitie of this Realme, as many other of poure farther full and liege people, can not geue theyr dewe attendaunce to theym and other theyr patientes with suche diligence, as theyr dutye were and is to do, by reason they be many tymes compelled aswell within the citee of London, and suburbes of the same, as in other townes and villagys, to keepe watche and warde, and be chosen to the office of constable and other offices within the said citee and suburbes of the same, as in other places within this your realme to their greatte fatigacion and vnquietpng, and to the perill of their patientes, by reason they can not be conueniently attended. It maye therfoze please your most excellent maiestie, with the assent of your lordes spirituall and tempozal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauritee of the same, to enacte ordeyne and establishe, that

that the president of the saied comminaltee and felowship, for the tyme being, and the commons and felowes of the same, and euery felow thereof, that now be or that any time hereafter shall be, their successours and the successours of euery of them, at all tyme and tymes after the makinge of this present act, shalbe discharged to keepe any watche or warde in your saied citee of London, or the suburbes of the same, or any part therof: And that they nor any of them shalbe chosen constable, or any other officer in the saied citee or suburbes. And that if at any tyme hereafter the saied president for the tyme being, or any of the saied commons or felowes for the tyme being, by any wayes or meanes be appoynted or elected to any watche or warde of: tyce of constable or any other offyce within the saied citee or suburbes, the same appoyntemente or election to be utterly voyde and of none effect, any order custome or lawe to the contrary before this tyme vsed in the sayde citee not withstanding.

And that it maie please your most royall maiestie, by thaucozitee aforesaid, that it maie be further enacted ordeyned and establisshed for the common welthe and suretye of your lounge subiectes of this your realme, in and for thadmirstracion of medicines to suche of your saied subiectes as shall haue neede of the same, that from henceforth the saied presidente for the tyme being, commons and felowes and their successours, maie perely at suche tyme as they shall thynke mooste mete and conuenient for the same, electe and chose foure persons of the saied commons and felowes, of the beste lerned wyldeste and mooste discrete, suche as they shall thynke conueniente, and haue experience in the saied facultee of physyke: And that the saied foure persones, soo elected and chosen, after a corporall othe to them ministred by the saied president or his deputie, shall and maie by vertue of this present act, haue full auctozitee and power, as often as they shall thinke mete and conuenient to entre in to the house or houses of all and euery poticary now or any tyme hereafter vsing the mistery or craft of a poticary within the saied citee, only to serche betwe and se suche poticary wares drugges and stufes as the saied poticaries or any of them haue, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue in their house or houses. And all such wares drugges & stufes as the said .iiii. persons shall then finde defectiue corrupted and not mete nor conuenient to be ministred in any medicines for the helth of mans body, the same foure persons calling to chem the wardens of the said mistery of poticaries within the saied citee for that tyme being, or one of them, shall cause to be bzent or other wise destroyed the same, as they shall thiuke mete by their discrecion. And if the saied poticaries or any of them at any tyme hereafter do obstinately or willyngly refuse or deny the saied foure persons perely elected and chosen as is before saied, to entre into their saied house or houses, for the causes intente and purpose before rehearsed: That then they and euery of them so offending contrary to this act, for euery tyme that he or they do so offende, to forfayt. C.s. the one halfe to your maiestee, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same by action of debte bpl playnt or infoz.

informacion in any of the kynges courtes, wherein no wager of lawe eschynne or protection shalbe allowed. And if the saied four persons or any of them so elected and chosen as befoze is saied, do refuse to be sworne, or after his saied othe to him or them administred, do obstinately refuse to make the saied serche and betwe ones in the pere, at such time as thei shal thinke most convenient by their discrecions, haupng no lawfull impediment by sickenes or otherwise to the contrary: That then for every suche wylfull and obstinate default, every of the saied four persons makynge defaulte to forfayt. xl. s.

¶ And forasmuche as the science of phisike dothe compzehende include and conteigne the knowledge of surgery, as a speciall membze and parte of the same, therfoze be it enacted, that any of the saied compaigne or fellowship of phisicions, beyng able chosen and admitted by the saied president and fellowship of phisicions, maie from time to time, aswel within the citee of London as elsewhere within this realme, practise and exercise the saied science of phisike in all and every his membez and partes, any act statute or provision made to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An act concernynge bakynge of hostebzeadde. Cap. xii.



BAKYNGE as by occasion that at a parliamente holden at Westm in the. xiii. pere of the raigne of kyng RICHARDE the seconde, amongst other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that no hosteler or inhoulder shulde make any horse bzeadde within his house nor elles where, but that the bakets shulde make such horse bzeadde, and that thassise therof shulde also be made of resonable waight, as by the same acte it maie moze playnely appere. And also sithens that at an other parlyament holden at Westm in the fourth pere of the raigne of kyng Henry the fourthe, amongst other thynges it was also ordeyned & enacted, that if any hosteler or inhoulder did make any horse bzeadde, contrary to the fourme of the saied statute and acte of Richard the second, and the same duly proued agaynst hym, the same hostler or inhoulder from tyme to tyme shuld forfayte the treple value of all suche hostebzeadde made by hym in his house or elles where, as by the saied acte moze playnly also it may appere. Diuerse and many incommodities and mischiefes haue ensued therbypon to the kinges subiectes that haue traueled and iourneyed with their horses within this realme of Englande: Be it therfoze now ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritee of this present parlyament, that from hence forth it maie and shalbe lawfull for every hosteler or inhoulder dwelling in any towne or village being a thoroughfare or common passage within this realme, and being no citee towne corporate or market towne, wherein any common baker exercisynge the occupacion of bakynge, and hath bene prentice at the saied occupacion by the space of .viij. yeres is dwellinge, to make within his house horse bzeadde, sufficient laful & of due assise, accordynge as the pryse of the graynes of cozne that nowe is and hereafter shal be

be from tyme to tyme, any thing or thynges mencioned in the sayd actes or statutes of kynge Richard the second, or Henry the fourth to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if the hostebzede, whiche any of the sayde hostelers or inholders hereafter shall make, be not sufficient laful and of due assise, accoꝝyng to the pryce of graines of corne, as is abovesaid: Than the iustices of the peace in euery shyre lyberty or franchises within this realme, shall haue full power and auctorite to enquire here and determyne the sayd defaultes and offences of the sayd hostelers and inholders hereafter to be committedt against the forme of this presente statute and to cesse such fynes, and make lyke proces therupon, as they commonly vse to do vpon presentmentes of trespassse againste the peace. And that also lykwise the Sheriffes in their turnes, and stewardes in their letes and lawdayes, shall haue full power and auctorite to inquire and determyne euery suche defaulte and offence of hostelers againste the forme of this presente statute hereafter to be committedt within the limit of their iurisdiccions.

¶ An acte concerninge Barbours and Surgeons to be of one compaignie.

Cap. xlii.

THE KINGE our soueraine lord, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlamente assembled, and by the auctorite of the same by al their common assentis, duly pondering among other thinges necessary for the common welth of this realme, that it is very expediente and nedefull to prouyde for men expert in the science of physyke and surgery, for the helthe of mannes body whan infirmities and sykennes shall happen, for the due exercyse and mayntenaunce whereof good and necessary actes be all redy made and prouided. Yet neuerthelesse for as much as within the cite of London, where men of great experience aswell in speculation, as in practyse of the science and faculty of surgery be abiding and inhabitinge, and haue moze commonly the dayly exercyse and experience of the same science of surgery, then is had or vled within other parties of this realme: And by occasion thereof many expert personnes be broughte by vnder them, as they seruantes apprentices and others, who by the exercise and diligent informacion of their sayde maisters, aswell now as hereafter, shall exercyse the sayde science, within dyuerse other parties of this realme, to the greatte helpe comfozte and succour of muche people, and to the sure safeguarde of theyr bodylye helthe, theyr lymines and lyues. And forasmuch as within the sayde cite of London, there be now two of seuerall and dysyncte compaignies of surgeons, occuppunge and exercysinge the sayde science and faculty of surgery, the one compaignie beinge comonly called the barbours of London, and the other compaignie called the surgeons of London, which compaignie of barbours be incorpozated to seme and to be sued by the name of maisters or gouernours of the mystery and cominaltee of the barbours of London, by vertue and auctorite of the letters patentis vnder the

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the greatte seale of the late kynge of famous memoꝝ kynge edwarde the fourth, dated at westmynstre the fourc and twenty day of february, in the fyfthe yere of his reygne, whiche afterwarde as well by our now mooste dꝛab soueraygne loꝝde, as by the ryghte noble and vertuous pꝛynce kynge Henry the seuenthe, father vnto the kynges mooste excellent highnesse nowe beyng, were and be confirmedde, as by sundꝝe letters patentes thereof made amonge other thynges in the same conteyned, moze at large maye appere. And the other compaꝝe called the surgeons, be not incorpoꝝate, noꝝ haue any maner of coꝝporacion: whiche two seuerall and distincte compaꝝies of surgeons were necessaꝝie to be vnited and made one bodye incorpoꝝate, to the intente that by their vnyon and often assemble togyther, the good and bette oꝝder exercise and knowledge of the sayde science oꝝ facultye of surgerye, shulde be as well in speculation as in pꝛactise, bothe to them selues, and all other their sayd seruaꝝtes and appꝛentises, nowe and hereafter to be bꝛought by vnder them, and by their lerninges and diligẽt and ripe informacions, moze perfect speddy and effectuaꝝl remedy shulde be, than it hath bene, oꝝ shulde be, if the sayd two compaꝝies of barboꝝrs and surgeons shulde continew seuered a sunder, and not ioyꝝned togyther, as they befoꝝe this tyme haue bene and vled theym selues, not meddlyꝝng together. Wherefoꝝe in consydeꝝacion of the pꝛemisses, be it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne loꝝde, and by the loꝝdes spꝛyꝝtuall and tempoꝝall, and by the commons in this pꝛesente pꝛlyamente assembled, and by the auctoꝝitie of the same, that the sayde two seuerall and dysyncte compaꝝies of Surgeons, that is to saye, bothe the barboꝝrs and the Surgeons, and euery personne of theym beyꝝng a free manne of epyther of the sayd compaꝝies, after the custome of the sayd Cytie of London, and their successours, from hense foꝝthe immediately be vnyted and made one entyre and hole bodye incorpoꝝate and one commynaltie perpetuall, which at all tymes hereafter shal be called by the name of maistꝛs oꝝ gouernours of the myꝝterie and commynaltie of Barboꝝrs and Surgeons of London foꝝ euermoꝝe, and by none other name: And by the same name to impleade and be impleaded befoꝝe al maner of iustices, in all courtes in al maner of actions and lutes. And also to purchase enioyꝝ & take to theim and to their successours all maner of landes tenementes rentes and other possessions what so euer they be, and also shal haue a common seale to serue foꝝ the busyness of the sayde compaꝝie and coꝝporacion foꝝ euer. And by the same name peasably quietly and indifferently haue possession and enioyꝝ to theym and to their successours foꝝ euer, all suche landes and tenementes, and oꝝher hereditamentes what so euer, whiche the sayd compaꝝy oꝝ commynaltie of barboꝝrs haue and enioyꝝ, to thuse of the sayd myꝝtery and commynaltie of barboꝝrs of London. And also shal peasably and quietly haue and enioyꝝ all and singular benefices graũtes lyberties pꝛiꝝileges franchises and free customs, and also all maner of other thynges, at any tyme gyuen oꝝ granted vnto the sayde compaꝝies of barboꝝrs oꝝ surgeons, by what so euer name.

or names they or any of them were called, and whiche they or any of them now have, or any of theyr predecessours have had by actes of parlyament, letters patentes of the kynges hyghnes, or other his moste noble progenitors, or otherwys by any lawfull meanes have had at any tyme afoze this present acte, in as large and ample maner and forme, as they or any of them have had myght or shulde enioye the same, this union or contunction of the saied companies together not withstanding. And as largely to have and eniole the pzemisses, as if the same were and had ben specially and particularly expessed and declared with the best and most clereſt woordes and termes in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes. And that all persones of the saied company nowe incorporate by this present acte, and their successours, that shall be lawfully admitted and approued to occupie surgerie, after the forme of the statute in that case ordeyned and pꝛouided, shall be exempt for bearing of armure, or to be put in any watches or inquestes. And that they and theyr successours shall haue the serche ouer spight punishment and correction as well of freemen as of foreing, for suche offences as they or any of theym shall comit or do against the good order of barbery or surgery, as afoze this tyme amonge the saied mistery and company of barbours of London, hath bene vsed and accustomed, accoꝛdyng to the good and politike rules and orde- nances by them made and approued by the lordes Chauncellour tresorier and two chiefe Iustices of epyther benche, or any thze of them, after the forme of the statute in that case ordeyned and pꝛouided.

¶ And further be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that the saied mat- ters or gouernours of the mistery and comynalltee of barbours and sur- geons of London, and their successours yerely for euer after their sad discre- tions at theyr free lyberte and pleasure shall and maye haue and take with- out contradiction foure persons condemned adiudged and putte to deathe for felony by the due order of the kynges lawes of this realme, for anat- omies, without any further sute or labour to be made to the kynges hyghnes his heyres or successours for the same. And to make incision of the same deade bodies or otherwys to order the same after theyr saied discrecions at their pleasures for theyr further and better knowlage instruction insighe learning and experience in the saied science or facultie of surgery. Sauing vnto all persons theyr heirs and successours, al suche right tute interest and demande, whiche they or any of them might lawfully claime or haue in or to any of the landes and tenementes with the appurtenaunces, belongynge vnto the saied company of barbours and surgens or any of theym, at any tyme afoze the makynge of this acte, in as ample maner and fourme as they or any of them hadde or ought to haue had heretofore: Any thynge in this present acte comprised to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ And for as muche as suche persones vsynge the misterye or facultee of surgery, oftentimes medle and toke into theyr cures and houses suche sicke and diseased persons as ben infected with the pestilence great pockes & such other contagious infirmittees, do vse or exercyse barbarie, as washyng, or

Shauyng, and other feates therunto belongyng, whiche is veray perillous for infectyng the kynges liege people, resortyng to theyr Shoppes and houses, there beyng washed oʒ Hauen. Wherfoze it is now enacted oʒ depnyed and pʒouided by thauctoʒitee aforesaid, that no maner of person within the citee of London, suburbes of the same, and one myle compasse of the saied citee of London, after the feast of the natiuitee of our lord god next comyng, vsyng any barbarie oʒ Shauyng, oʒ that hereafter shall vse any barbarie oʒ Shauyng within the saied citee of London suburbes, oʒ one myle circute of the same citee of London, he noʒ they noʒ none other for them to his oʒ theyr vse, shall occupie any surgery, lettynge of bloude, oʒ any other thyng belonging to surgery, drawing of teeth onely excepte. And further moze in lyke maner who so euer that vseth the mistery oʒ crafte of surgery within the circute aforesaid, as longe as he shall fortune to vse the saied mystery oʒ crafte of surgerie shall in no wyle occupie noʒ exercise the feate oʒ crafte of barbarie oʒ Shauyng, neither by hym selfe noʒ by none other for him to his oʒ theyr vse: And mozeouer that all maner of persones vsyng surgery for the tyme beyng, as well free men as foʒens, aliens and straungers within the saied citee of London, the suburbes therof, and one myle compasse of the same citee of London, befoze the feast of saint Michaell tharchangell next comyng, shall haue an open signe on the strete syde, where they shall fortune to dwell, that all the kynges liege people there passyng by, may know at all tymes whether to resorte for theyr remedies in tyme of necessitee.

¶ And further be it enacted by thauctoʒitee aforesaid, that no maner of person after the saied feast of saint Michaell tharchangell next comyng presume to kepe any Shoppe of barbarie oʒ Shauyng within the citee of London, excepte he be a free man of the same corporacion and companie.

¶ And further moze at suche tymes heretofore accustomed there shalbe chosen by the same company foure maisters oʒ gouernours of the same corporacion oʒ company, of the whiche. iiii. two of them shalbe experte in surgery, and thother two in barbarie, whiche. iiii. maisters and euery of theim, shall haue full power and auctoʒitee from time to tyme, duryng theyr saied office, to haue the ouersight serche punishment and coʒrection of all suche defaultes and inconueniences as shalbe founde amonge the saied company vsyng barbarie oʒ surgery, as well of free men as foʒens aliens and straungers within the citee of London and the circute aforesaid, after their sad discrecions. And if any person oʒ persons vsyng any barbarie oʒ surgery at any tyme here after, offende in any of these articles aforesaid: then for euery monethe the saied persons so offending shall lose foʒfait and paie. v. li. the one moity thereof to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moity to any person that wyll oʒ shall sue therfoze by action of det byll plainte oʒ informacion in any the kynges courtes, wherein no wager of lawe essoin oʒ pʒoteccion shal be admitted oʒ allowed in the same.

¶ Pʒouided that the saied barʒours and surgeons and euery of them, shall beare and paie lot and scot and suche other charges, as they and their predecessours

cessours haue bene accustomed to paie within the saied citee of London, this acte oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrarye hereof in any wise not withstanding.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull to any of the kynges subiectes, not beyng Barbour oꝝ Surgeon, to receyve haue and kepe in his house, as his seruaunt, any persone beyng a barbour oꝝ surgen, whiche shall and maie vse and exercise those actes and faculties of Barberie and surgery oꝝ either of them in his maisters house, oꝝ elles where by his maisters licence oꝝ commaundement, any thyng in this act aboue wyitten to the contrarye beyng not withstanding.

An act concernyng Wyre dayes in the countie Palantine of Chester. Cap. xlii.



WHERE it is enacted and establisshed in the. xxvii. yeres of our souerayn lord the kyng that now is, as wel for the encrease and augmentation of good rule and orde to be had and done in the countie palantine of Chester and other Wyres, as for admystration of iustice amongst the kynges subiectes there, that the lord Chauncellour of Englands, oꝝ the lord keeper of the greates seale for the tyme beyng, shall haue auctoritee from tyme to tyme, to nominate and appoint iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quoꝝum, and iusticers of Gaole deliuerie, as well within the saied countie palantyne of Chester and other Wyres and parties of wales by commission vnder the kynges great seale, whiche persons so named shall haue full power and auctorites to enquire here and determine al maner thyng and thynges enquirable presentable oꝝ determinable befoze iusticers of peac, iusticers of Quoꝝum, & iusticers of Gaole deliuerie in other Wyres of this realme of England, & to do vse & execute euery thyng and thynges as other iusticers of peace, Quoꝝum, & Gaole deliuerie do in other Wyres of England, and that they shall kepe their sessions there, as they do in others Wyres of England, vpo lyke penalty as hath ben ordeined for such abuses in such iusticers in other Wyres of England, any law, act statute vsage custome priuilege prescripcio oꝝ libertee to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding, as in the saied statute made in the said. xxvii. yere amongst other thinges moze plainly appereth. By reason of whiche acte it is nowe vsed to kepe sessions in the saied countie palantine of Chester as it is vsed in other Wyres of England. Also it is vsed in the saied county palantine of Chester, that the iusticer of the same for the tyme beyng, hath perely tyme out of mynde, vsed to kepe the Wyres oꝝ countie dayes in maner and fourtme folowynge (that is to saye) one yere. viii. Wyres oꝝ countie dayes, and another yere. ix. Wyres oꝝ countie dayes, to the whiche the gentylmen free holvers and suiters of the saied countie are bounden of ancient custome and duetie to appere, and geue their attendaunce to serue the kyng, whiche Wyres and countie daies come very oftentymes in the yere. And nowe by reasonne of the saied newe statute of Justycers of the peace hadde in the saied countie, the saied gentylle menne, free holders, and suiters of the

saied countie, beyng bounden of thepze saied olde custome and lawe, to geue thepze attendaunce and apparaunce to the saied Myzres and councey dages, are now bounden also to geue thepze apparaunce and attendaunce at fower quarter sessions, and other priup sessions in the saied countie: By meane wherof the saied apparaunce and attendaunce commeth soo often and so thpcke together, that at many tymes they cannot depart from the one court, and attende their businesse scarcely one daye, oꝝ some tyme lesse, but they must agayne ryde to serue the other court, whiche is to peynfull chargeable intollerable and impoꝝtune, foꝝ any manne to susteyne and abyde. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne loꝝde, the loꝝdes spirituall and temporail, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that frome hencefoꝝthe the lawe and administracion of Justyce, and all other thynges in the saied countie in tyme paste vled to be had at the saide Myzres dages, shall be holden had made dooen and execute by the Justyer of the saied countie foꝝ the tyme beyng, at two tymes in the yere onely, that is to wytte, at the sessions nexte after the feast of sayncte Mychaell the archaungelle, and at the sessions next after Easter yerely foꝝ euer during so many dages at euery of the saied tyme as neede shall requyre, in lyke maner and fourme as it is now vled and executed in the county palantyne of Lancaster. And that no actions suite oꝝ pꝛocesse nowe oꝝ hereafter to be dependynge in the saied counties, shall be thereby discontinued hurte oꝝ impayzed, noꝝ any aduantage therein to be taken by errour dyscontinuaunce of pꝛocesse, ne other wyse, but the same to pꝛocede after the same newe oꝝder, And that from hencefoꝝth the saied olde oꝝdꝛe rule and custome, in holdynge of the saied counties oꝝ thire daies, shall vtterly cease and determine foꝝ euer: Any acte, statute, pꝛescrpcion, graunt, vslage, custome, pꝛiupledge, lawe, libertee, constitucion oꝝ confyrmacion, heretofore had, made, accustomed oꝝ vled, to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ An acte that the towne of Royston is reduced to one newe parssh. Cap. xliiii.



FORASMUCHE as the towne of Royston is a markette towne, situate and buylded together, and extendeth it selfe in to fyue seuerall parishes, wherof neuer a parssh churche of theints within two myles of the saied towne, & some of them be thre myles distāt from the same, by reson wherof the poore inhabitantes and townsmen there beyng parisheners of the said fyue parssh churches, diuers & sūdyꝝ tymes thꝛough the absence of their pꝛsons & curates, in such cases of necessitee whan their pꝛesence to the comfort and consolacion of their parishners is most requysit and behoueful, can not haue the sacramentes & sacramentals to be ministred accoꝝdynge to the laudable customes of holy church, to their great perils and ieopardies. And also foꝝ asmuch as the said towne of Royston is a great & a cōmon thoroughfare foꝝ the kinges subiectes and liege people, traauailynge from many & sundꝛ

bye partes of this realme, and in the saied towne is also wekely a greatte market, wherunto great and frequent resort is of all inhabitautes of the countrey therunto adioynng, and yet the saied subiectes so traualing, nor any of the inhabitautes so resorting, can haue any masse or other diuine seruyce in the saied towne, if their deuotion shoulde that require: And ouer this the saied great distaunce of the towne from the parishe churches aforesaid, is verate discommodious and penyfull to all and singular the inhabitautes there, and mooste specially to the impotent (ykelly and aged people, whiche be not able to traualle to the saied churches, ne any of them, to here their diuine seruices. All whiche discommodities and inconueniences were litle prejudicial to the saied towne, at such time as the late priory there stode. The churche of which priory the pooze inhabitautes of the said towne haue bought to their great charges, to the intent to haue the same theyr parishe churche, and therein to haue dately masse and other diuine seruices to be celebrated and doen. In consideration of whiche premises, it maie please the kynges mooste rovall maiestee of his mooste excellent goodnes, that it maie be enacted by his hyghnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the saied churche, late beyng parcel of the saied priory of Ropston, shalbe the parishe churche for all and singular the inhabitautes of the saied towne of Ropston. And that the saied churche shalbe named and called from hensfoorth the parishe church of sainte Iohn the Baptist in the towne of Ropston, and that one parcel of grounde high or by the said inhabitautes bee prouyded and enclosed at the charges and costes of the saied churche for a cemetarye or churchparde for burialles of chrysten people in the same, and that the inhabitautes of the same towne, shall be parsonen onely to the same churche, and be discharged of any further resort or repaie to any of the saied. v. parishe churches distant from the saied towne, as is aforesaid, and that the persons and catates of the saied. v. parishe churches, and euery of them, and the successours of euery of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the saied inhabitautes.

¶ And bee it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that one sufficient and lawfull person to be named and appointed by the kynges hyghnes, shall be vicar perpetuall in the saied parishe churche of Ropston, and haue perpetuall succession in the same. And that he and his successours shall be named and called vicars of the parishe churche of sainte Iohn the Baptist in Ropston, and shall be enabled by auctoritee of this acte, to sue and be selued by that name in al courtes and places in this realme, and also to purchase landes tenementes and hereditamentes to him and his successours, vicars of the same churche. And that the aduouson donacion and presentation of the saied vicarage shall apperteyne and belonge to the kynges hyghnesse his heires and successours, as appendant to his graces manour of Ropston and that as well the saied now first vicar to be named as is aforesaid, as all other vicars hereafter of the saied church, shalbe presented instituted and in

ducted to and by the ordinarie or ordinaries of the place, where the saied church is situate, as other persons and bycats of this realme ben accustomed. And that the saied parish church and towne of Ropston shall from hence forth be taken and accepted to be in the diocesse of London onely, and not in any other diocesse, any vlage custome or matter to the contrary thereof not withstanding. And that also the saied vicar that shall be firste named and presented, shall haue power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte, to take and receiue to hym and his successours, one messuage with a garden thereto adioynynge, situate in the saied towne of Ropston, to be geuen to hym by any of the inhabitauntes in the saied towne: whiche messuage and garden shall benamed and called the vicarage of the same towne. And that also the same bycat and his successours shall haue and perceiue all the tythes offerynges ablacions obuencions and other ecclesiasticall dueties and tyghes that shall growe and be due by the customes of this realme and ecclesiasticall lawes of the same, to be payde had or made by the inhabitauntes of the saied towne except onely the tythes of cozne, hay, wolle, lambe, and calfe, whiche tythes, of cozne hay wolle lambe and calfe, shall from hence forth be payde and satisfied by auctoritee of this acte to the persons and curates of the saied. v. parish churches, in like maner forme and condicion, as heretofore it hath ben accustomed, the erection of the said vicarage of Ropston, or any other thynge or thinges conteyned or specified in this acte in any wise not withstanding.

AND it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that the persons and curates of the saied. v. parish churches, and euery of them, and the successours of euery of them, shall haue their remedy and remedies by auctoritee of this acte, to sue, demande, aske and recouer in the kinges court of chancery the saied tythes of cozne hay woll lambe and calfe, subtracted or denied to be payd by any person or persons, or els suche remedy and remedies to sue demande aske or recouer the same tythes in lyke maner forme facion and condicion as they or any of them shuld ought or might haue done or had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

PROVIDED alway that this present acte shall take none effect nor be put in execution, vntil such time as the kinges maiestie hath named and presented one hable person to be bycat of the saied parish church of Ropston, in maner and forme aforesaid.

The erection of the court of the firste frutes and tenth. Cap. xlv.



WHEREIN the parliament holden at westm the thirde day of Pouēre, in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of our most dread natural and soueraine liege lord Henry theight, by the grace of god, kynge of Englande and of France, defender of the fapth, lord of Ireland, and in erth supreme heed of the church of England, it was enacted ordeyned & established: that the kinges highnes his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shuld haue & enioy from time to time, to en

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dure for ever, of every suche person and persons, which at any time after the
 first date of Januarie than next commynge, shulde be nominated elected pre-
 fected presented collated or by any other meanes apointed, to have any arch-
 bishopric byshopric abbacy monasterie priory college hospitall archde-
 conry deanry piousness pzebende personage vicarage chantery frechapell
 or other dignitee benefice office or promotion spirituall within this realme
 and els where within any the kynges dominions, of what name nature or
 qualitee so ever they were, or to whose foundation patronage or gift so ever
 they shold belong, the first frutes revenues and profits for one yere of every
 suche archbishopric byshopric abbacy monasterie priory college hospitall
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 or other dignitee benefice office or promotion spirituall afoze named, wher-
 unto any suche person or persons shuld after the saied first date of January
 bee nominated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes
 apointed. And that every such person and persons before any actual or real
 possession or enjoyng with the profits of any such archbishopric byshopric
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 rage chantery frechapell priory or other dignitee benefice office or promotion
 spirituall, shuld satisfie content & paie, or compounde or agree to paie to the
 kynges use, at reasonable dates, upon good surteies, the saied first frutes &
 profits for one yere. And also by the same acte it was further enacted by
 thautoytee afozesaied, that the kynges maiestee, his heires and successours
 kynges of this realme, for moze augmentacion and maintenance of the reall
 estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitee of supreme head of the church of
 Englands, shuld verely haue take and enioye and receiue vntill and knyt to
 his imperial crowne for ever, one verely rente or pension amountyng to the
 valu of the tenth parte of all the revenues rentes fermes tythes offerpnyes
 emolumentes, and of all other profits as wel called spiritual as temporal,
 than apperteynyng or belongyng, or that after the making of the saied act,
 shulde belong to any archbishopric byshopric abbacy monasterie priory
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 church collegiate church conventual church personage vicarage chantery
 frechapell or other benefice or promotion spirituall, of what name nature
 or qualitee so ever they were, within any dioces of this realme or in Wales,
 the saied pension or annuall rent to be paid verely for ever to our saied soue-
 raigne lord his heires and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of
 the natiuitee of our lord god, as by the same act amongst divers other thin-
 ges therein conceyved moze plainely is shewed and made appere.

And for the moze suretee and establisshement therof, and to the intent that
 the kynges maiestee his heires and successours shall be the better served in
 obteynnyng the pzeemysse, & also from henceforth be truly and iustly answer-
 ed contented and paid verely of all that whiche to his byghness his heires
 or successours apperteyneth or belongeth, or hereafter shall apperteyne or
 belonge by vertue and accordyng to the tenor of the saied act: Be it enacted

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ordyned and establiſhed by the kynges maiestie, by thassent of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by thautozitee of the same in maner and forme as hereafter foloweth, that is to saie.

C First the king our souerain lord, by thautozitee aforesaid maketh erecteth and establiſheth a certayn couet, commonly to be called for euer the court of the first frutes and tenth, whiche court by the autozitee aforesaid, continually and for euer shalbe a court of record, and shall haue one scale to be engraten and made after such forme fassion and maner as shalbe appoynted by the kynges highnesse, and shall remayn and be ordyned as hereafter shall be declared.

C Also be it enacted by autozitee aforesaid, that there shall be one certayne person to be named and assygned by the kynges hyghnesse his heires and successors, which shalbe chancelloz of the same court, and shall be chiefe and principall offycer of the same court, and shall be called the chancelloz of the first frutes and tenthes, and shall haue the keping of the saied scale to be assigned for the saied court.

C Also be it enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that there shall be one persone to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges tresorier of the first frutes and tenth, and shall be the second offycer of the same court. And that there shalbe one persone to be lerned in the lawe of this land to be named and assygned by the kynges highnesse, which shall be the kynges attourney of the first frutes and tenth, and shalbe the thirde offycer of the same court. And that there shall be .ii. persons to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be named the kynges auditours of the first frutes and tenthes, and shall be offycers of the same court. And that there shalbe one Clerke to be named and assigned by the kynges hyghnes, to be clerke of the same court, whiche shall make all bondes wytynges and other ordynary proces and entrees out and from the same court. And that there shall be one other persone to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the messanger of the saied court. And one other person to be named and assigned by the kynges hyghnesse, whiche shall be called the husher of the same court: whiche messanger and husher and euer of theim, shall haue suche and lyke profits and advantages, as the messanger and husher of the kynges duchy chamber at westm haue and perceyue. And the saied Chauncellour which shall be appoynted by the kynges hyghnes, shall take a coꝝpozall othe afoze the lordes Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, after the tenour ensuyng.

C Ye shall sweare, that ye wel and truly shal serue the kyng in the offycer of the Chauncellozship of the first frutes and tenth, and shal minister equal Justyce to ryche & poze, to the best of your counnyng wyt and power. And ye shal diligently procure al thynges, which maye honestly & iustly be to the kynges aduantage and profyte, and to the augmentacion of the ryghtes and prerogatiues of his Crowne, and truly vse the kynges scale, appoynted to

ted to yourre offyce : And also endeuoure yourre selfe, to the bittermooste of your power, to see the kyng truely and iustely answered pety of all such rentes reuenues and profytes, whiche shall oꝛ maie arysse growe oꝛ be due, to the kyng in your offyce : And from tyme to tyme deliuer with speede, such as shall haue to dooe afoze you : And that ye shall not take noꝛ recepue of any person any gyste oꝛ rewarde in any case oꝛ mattier dependyng befoze you, oꝛ wherein the kynges hyghnesse shall be partie : Wherby any pꝛeuidice hynde- raunce losse oꝛ disherison shall grow oꝛ be to the kynges hyghnes. So helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the saied treasurer shall take a corpozall oth befoze the saied chauncellour of the saied court, accoꝝdyng to the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kyng our soueraigne lord and his people in thoffice of the treasurer of this court, and ye shall reasonably and honestly pꝛocure the kynges profyte, and dooe ryght to all maner of people pooꝛe and riche in those thynges whiche touche your offyce, and the kynges recepue of his money : Ye shall truely kepe dispende paie and deliuer a true declaracion, and accompte thereof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concelemente accoꝝdyng to this acte, made foꝛ the stablyshement of this court : And further shall doe euery thyng that of ryght appertayneth to your offyce, so helpe you god and his saintes.

¶ Also the saied atturney shall take a corpozall oth befoze the saied chancel- lour, accoꝝdyng to the tenour hereafter ensuyng: Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and truely serue the kyng as his atturney in all courtes foꝛ oꝛ concer- nyng any mattier oꝛ cause that shall concerne oꝛ touche the rentes reuenues profytes oꝛ hereditamentes lymitted to the surney and gouernance of this court, and pꝛocure the kynges profyte thereof. And that ye shall trewely counsaile the kyng and chauncellour of this court, in all thynges concer- nyng the same, to the beste of your connyng wytte and power. And with all speede and dyligence from tyme to tyme, at the callynge of the saied chauncellour, ye shall endeuoure your selfe foꝛ the hearynge and determi- nation indifferently of suche mattiers and causes as shall depende befoze the saied chauncellour : And that ye shall not take any gyste oꝛ rewarde in any mattier oꝛ cause dependyng in the same court oꝛ elles where, where- in the kyng shall be partie, whereby the kynges maiestee shall be hurted hyndered oꝛ bysherited : And further ye shall do. to your power wit and con- nyng all and euery thyng that of ryght apperteyneth to your offyce, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the saied auditours and euery of theym, shall take a corpozall othe befoze the saied chauncellour of the saied court, after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your offyce, & true allowances make to euery person, whiche shall be acceptant befoze you. And you shall not take noꝛ recepue of pooꝛe noꝛ rich any gift oꝛ reward, in any mattier oꝛ cause dependyng oꝛ to be discussed in the same court, but suche as shall be ordinarie apperteynyng to your offyce, wherby the kyng shall be hurted hyndered oꝛ bysherited

disherited: And ye shall doe every thyng, whiche shall be apperteynyng to your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Item that the saied clerke of the saied court shall take a corporall othe befoze the saied chauncellour after the tenour ensupng. Ye shall sweere, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in yourre office of clerke of the counsaill of this court, and truly doe and execute all and every thyng and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied first frutes and tenth, and all the reuenues and profits thereof whiche nowe be or hereafter shall growe or be by any manour of meanes, shall be from hence forth in the order suruey & gouernance of the saied court and mynisters of the same.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied chauncellour in all places, and the saied treasurer attourney and auditors or two of them in the saied court the saied chauncellour being absent, and also suche commissioners deputies and substitutes as the saied chauncellour shall assigne appoynte and depuise in any shires or places of this realme, shall haue power to compounde and to take obligacions to the kynges vse of any person or persons, and of his suretees, for the sure paiement of the saied first frutes, or for any other cause or matter concernyng the pzemysles determinable within the same court. And that all suche obligacions and wrytynges obligatorie, of what summe so euer they be, shall be taken in maner and forme abouesaid, and none otherwys. And shall be of the same strength force vertue qualitee and effecte to all ententes and purposes, as wrytynges obligatorie heretofore made, by any laie person by auctoritee of the statute of the staple ben or ought to be: And that lyke proses and executions thereupon shall be made out of the saied court for the leuyng of the dettes, due or hereafter to be due, by vertue of the saied wrytynges obligatorie against any person spirital or temporal, as hath ben accustomed to be made against any laie persone vpon certificat of wrytynges obligatorie of the saied statute of the staple: And that all obligacions hereafter to be taken concernyng the pzemysles, contrary to the tenour of this acte, shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that no persone shall be compelled to paye for any wrytyng obligatorie to be made for any cause touchyng the said court aboue .viij. s. and for any acquitaunce aboue .iiii. d. Also that the saied chauncellour for the tyme being, shall haue full power and auctoritee to awarde vnder the seale to be appointed to the saied court in the kynges name, suche proses and preceptes, with reasonable paynes to be therein limited, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kynges duchy chambze of Lancaster, being at Westm, against every person and persons what so euer they be, for and concernyng the interest ryght and title of the kynges maiestie his heires and successours of or for any tenthes reuenues profits accompt receit or other cause in any wise touchyng or concernyng any thyng appoynted to the order and suruey of the said court or any part thereof for & on the behalfe of our
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saied soueraigne lord the kynge, of or for any dette rpyng and growing by occasion of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that the saied treasurer at-tourney and auditours shall diligently from tyme to tyme, attende vpon the saied chauncellour in the saied court, for the hearyng and orderyng of matiers and causes in the same court, for the tyme of the.iii. termes of the yere vsually kepte for the lawe at Westm, and procure with all diligence, that al dettes duities and other profites being in the suruey and gouernace of the saied court, shalbe truly and iustly payd and answered to the saied tresorer of the saied court, to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, without concealyng any part therof. And shall also cause and procure proceste to be made agaynst suche as shalbe indebted to the kynges hyghnes and theire sureties, of and for any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shall require without any delase.

¶ And be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that the saied clerke particular messenger and hushier, and euery of theim, shall vpon reasonable warnyng at all tymes and places from tyme to tyme geue attendaunce vppon the saied chauncellour, for the tyme beyng, for the due execucion and expedition of the pzemisses without any delay, vpon suche paynes as shall be assessed by the kynges maiestee vppon informacion therof geuen by the saied chauncellour to his hyghnes.

¶ Also be it enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that if any of the saied officers appoynted for the same court, do conceale or withdraue willynge any dettes duities tenthes reuenues or other profite, fallynge growynge or comynge to the kynge by reason of the fyrst frutes and tenth, or by reason of any other thynge appoynted by this acte to be within the suruey and order of the saied court: that than the saied offycer and offycers so offendynge shall lose to the kynge our saied soueraigne lord the double value of the thynge so concealed or withdrawen.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctozitee abouesaid, that the saied tresorer for the tyme beyng, shal haue auctozitee by this acte to geue his acquitaunce of and for such money and obligations, as he shal receiue of them to the kynges vse for and concerning the first frutes and tenth, and other thinges appoynted to the order of the saied court: And that his saied acquitaunce shal be from henceforth a sufficient acquitance and discharge, aswel for the discharge of the parties agaynst the kynges hyghnesse his heires and succelours for payment of so muche money, as also to the auditours for the time beyng and to euery of them, for makynge due allowaunce of the same: And that any acquptaunce hereafter to bee made concernynge the pzemisses, by any person or persons contrary to the tenour fourme and effect of this ptesente acte, shalbe voyde and of none effect.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctozitee abouesaid, that the saied treasurer befoze the twenty day of Marche next after the feast of saint Michell tharchangell shall perely declare truly his hole accompte to the saied chauncellour

lour and auditours, oꝛ to the saied chauncellour and one of the saied auditours, whiche chauncellour and auditours, oꝛ chauncellour and one of the saied auditours shall by this acte haue auctoritee to take and determine the same accompte befoꝛe the laste daie of July next ensuyng: vpon whiche determination of accompte the saied tresorier within one moneth next ensuyng the determination of the saied accompte, shall truly content and paie to the kynges vse all suche summes of money by hym receyued, as shall appere to be due to the kynges highnes and vnpaid vpon the same accompte, after whiche determination, the saied auditours oꝛ one of them, shall engrosse the same into parchemyn, and the same so engrossed, shall return into the offyce of the saied court of the first feutes and tenth, befoꝛe the last day of february nexte after the determination of the same accompte, there foꝛ to remaine as the kynges recoꝛdes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that the saied tresourer from tyme to tyme vpon his accompte, shall be allowed as well of suche fees as shall be limited vnto hym foꝛ the exercise of his office, as of and foꝛ all suche summes of money as he shall paie to any patentee oꝛ patentees, of any offyce fee oꝛ anutie that shall be granted oꝛ geuen vnder the seale of the saied court, and also of all suche money as he shall paie to any other person oꝛ persons, by vertue of the kynges warrant oꝛ by assigned, and also of al summes of money as he shall be commaunded to pay by any bil assigned oꝛ subscribed by the hand of the saied chauncellour foꝛ the tyme being, vpon suche considerations as shall be thought conuenient by his discrecion, of oꝛ foꝛ any cause thynge oꝛ matter concerning the saied court what so euer it shall be. And that the saied auditours, oꝛ one of them takynge accountes of the saied tresorier, shall haue auctoritee and power to allowe to the saied tresorier the pꝛemisses and euery parte of them.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all maner of pꝛocesse that shall be made out of the kynges exchequer, oꝛ out of any other court, oꝛ ther than the court made by auctoritee of this pꝛesent acte, to oꝛ against any persone and persones foꝛ any dette tenthes issues and pꝛofytes concerning the pꝛemisses oꝛ any parte therof, from hencefoꝛthe to bee due, limited in this acte to be in the suruey oꝛder and gouernaunce of the saied court, made by this acte and the ministers therof, shall be clerely voyde and of none effecte to all intentes and purposes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied chauncellour and officers of the saied court shall take suche and lyke fees foꝛ the seales and wꝛitynges to be made and graunted out of the saied court, at the sute of the partees, if any suche happen to be, and foꝛ apparaunces, as the chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, and officers there conueniently vse to take foꝛ the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person oꝛ persons called by the kynges pꝛoces of the same court, to appere at weestm in the same court within the terme, at a certain day to hym pꝛescribed in the pꝛoces, appere

appere and haue a daie geuen in the saied court to make answer to the matters against them objected in the same court on the kynges behalfe, Depart the court befoze answer made, and attourney put into the court, with the assent of the court for prosecuting the matter with effect, shall forfait to the kynges grace his heyyes and successours such fine as shall be vpon hym set for his contempt and offence in that behalfe, as the saied chauncellour treasurer and attourney of the saied court or two of them shall thinke convenient by theyr discretions, to be leuied of his landes and tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kynges vse. And in case the partie, to whom any such proces shall be directed, do make default at the fyrste daie of his apperaunce: that than attachment shall be awarded out of the saied court, directed to the shireffes of such countie, as it shall seme to the saied chauncellour most expedient, to attache the bodie of the same person making default as is abouesaid and to bring his body into the saied court at such daie, within any of the next termes, as vnto the saied chauncellour for the tyme being shall be thought convenient by his discretion.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoitee aforesaid, that as many accomptes of the first frutes and tenth as ben clerely accompted and not returned in to the kynges eschequer, & also as many other accomptes of the saied first frutes and tenth as be not fully accompted and engrossed, shall be engrossed and returned within two yerres nexte ensuyng, in to the saied court of the first frutes and tenth, there to remain as the kynges recordes. And that the chauncellour and auditours of the saied court for the tyme being, shall haue full auctoitee and power to here examyne and determine all and all maner of accomptes heretofore made concerning the saied fyrst frutes and tenthes.

¶ And for as muche as dyuers religious houses within this realme and other the kynges dominions bee now dissolved, and the possessions thereof lawfully comen vnto the kynges handes, and other, by his graces gyft bargain grant and assignment, by reason wherof, and by reason of miscertificat of the saied possessions, and of the tenth concerning as well the same possessions, as other possessions of spirituall persones in to the kynges eschequer, the archbishops bishops and other accomptauntes vpon their accomptes be and of longe tyme haue bene greatly charged vexed and troubled.

For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctoitee aforesaid, that the original of the certificat of the hole tenth certified in to the kynges eschequer, and all other recordes there concerning the same, shall be deliuered into the saied court of the first frutes & tenth there to remain as the kynges recordes. And that the saied chauncellour shall haue full power and auctoitee by vertue of this act, from tyme to tyme, to write vnder the seale of office appointed to the saied court, vnto the treasurer and barones of the saied eschequer, and also vnto all other officers and ministers of all the kynges courtes, for to certefy any matter of recorde or other sufficient cause remaining afoze them concerning the premises for the true ppose and triall therof in to the saied court of first frutes & tenth. And the saied chancelor treasurer and auditor

auditours vpon the certifycat therof, or els vpon the examinacion of witness-
ses to bee taken as well by commission as otherwyle, or by other sufficient
proves or discharge, alledged shewed and proued afoze them by the saied ar-
chebishops bishops or other accomptantes, shall by thauctoritee aforesaided,
haue full power and auctoritee by theyr discretions, to make allowance de-
falcacion discharge and full determination vnto theym and euery of them
in his and theyr saied accomptes concernyng the pzemisses accordyng as of
ryght apperteyneth.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaided, that all summes of
money hereafter to be paid by any archebishop bishop or other persone or
persons, chargeable to or with the collection leuyng or receypt of the tenth
graunted to the kynges hyghnes by auctoritee of the saied acte therof made
in the saied. xxvi. yere of his moste noble reygne, shall from hencefoorth for
euer be paid to the Tresorer of the saied court of the first frutes and tenth,
at suche daies and tymes as is limited and appointed in the saied act, and
to none other person nor persons. And that if any paiement or paiementes
therof hereafter be otherwyle made without the kynges hyghnesse speerall
assignment or warrant in writyng therof made: That than the saied paie-
ment or paiementes shall be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctoritee aforesaided, that al certificates here-
after to be made by any archebishop or bishop, or by any other pson or psons
limited and charged to the collection & paiement of the said tenthes by tha-
uctoritee of the saied acte, of the grant therof to our saied soueraigne lord the
kynges maiestee, shall from hencefoorth for euer be made and certified in to
the saied court of first frutes and tenth, in suche lyke maner and fourme,
and for suche lyke cases and intentes, as they shoulde or ought before the
makynge of this acte, to haue ben made and certified into the kynges esche-
quer by auctoritee of the saied acte of the graunt of the saied first frutes and
tenth: and that the same certificates, and euery of them so hereafter to be
made and certified in to the saied court, shall be & stand of suche lyke strength
and effecte to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them shoulde
haue ben if they had ben certified and made in to the kynges saied court of
Eschequer, before the makynge of this acte. And that vpon all certificates
hereafter to be made in to the saied court of first frutes and tenth, proccesse
shall be made out of the saied court by the discrecion of the Chauncellour of
the saied court for the tyme beyng, for the leuyng and true contentacion
and paiement of the kynges dueetes in that behalfe, in suche wyle as the
kynges highnesse maye be truly satisfied therof of those persons that shall
be chargeable therewith by the auctoritee of the saied acte of the grant of the
saied first frutes and tenth, and that all certificates hereafter to be made
concernyng any the pzemisses into the kynges eschequer, shall be voyde and
of none effecte.

¶ PROVIDED THAT THIS acte or any article clause or sentence
therein conteyned, extende not to any rentes or tenthes now payable or
hereafter

here after to be paid in the kynges court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, by reason of any the kynges graces letters patentes, actos of parlyament, or otherwysse.

¶ The establisment of the court of the kynges wardes. Cap. xlv.



FORASMUCHE as the kynges highnes hath bene heretofore, and hereafter is lyke to be perely answered of great rentes reuenues and pofittes, which to his maiestie hath or shall growe, as well by reason of suche persons as haue ben or hereafter shall be in ward to his highnes, as also by mene of ideottes and fooles naturall, now remainyng or beynge or that hereafter shall remayne or be in his graces custody, and also for licences to mary made and to be made to women beynge his graces widowes, and fines made by them for marieng without his highnes licence: Al which the pzemisses of right appertaineth to his maiestie, in the righte of the imperial crown of this realme: For the moze surety & establisment wherof, and to the entent the kynges maiestie his heires and successours shall be the better serued in obtainyng or hauing of the custody of the bodie of his highnes wardes, and their honours manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in to his graces custody and gouernaunce, durynge the minority of such wardes, and also shall be perely as well truly answered contented and payd of and for the sale of the bodie of the wardes, and the landes bargained for them, durynge the said minority, and of other the pzemisses, as of the rentes fermes issues and pofites cysyng comyng and growyng, or whiche hereafter shall cyle come and growe of al and singular the castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, belongynge and which hereafter shall cyle and belonge to the kyng his heires and successours, be resen of the said wardes and other the pzemisses, in suche courte place maner fourm and condicion, as hereafter shall be limited declared and appointed. Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the assent of the kynges maiesty, his lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth in articles, that is to saie.

¶ First the kyng our saied souerayn lord, by the auctoritee aforesaid, ordeyneth maketh establissheth and erecteth a certayne court, commonly to be called for ever the court of the kynges wardes, which court by the auctoritee aforesaid continually and for ever shall be a court of recozd, and shall haue one seale to be engraueu and made after such fourm facion and maner as shall be appointed by the kynges highnes, and shall remayne and be ordezed as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that there shall be one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes his heires and successours, which shall be maister of the same courte, & shall be chiefe and principall officer of the same courte, and shall be called maister of the

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wardes, and shall haue the kepyng of the saied seale to be assigned for the saied court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that there shall be one person to be lerned in the lawes of this lande, to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges atturney of the saied court, and shall be the seconde officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that there shall be one person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges recepuour generall of the landes of his wardes, and shall be the thirde officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that there shall be two persones to be named by the kynges highnesse, which shall be called the auditors of the landes of his graces wardes, and shall be called the fourth officer of the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that there shall be two clerkes to be named and assigned by the kynges highnesse, to be clerkes of the saied court, whiche shall make all indentours bargaynes and leases to be made and graunted of the kynges wardes landes, recoꝛde all apparances, and make all ordinary processe and entrees, out and from the same court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thauctoꝛitee aforesaid, that there shall be one other person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be the messanger of the saied court. An other person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, which shall be called the husher of the same court, whiche messanger and husher and eyther of them, shall haue such and lyke payntes and aduantages, as the messanger and vsher of the kynges, duchy chaumbye at westm haue and perceyue.

¶ Also the said maister of the kynges wardes, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall take a corporall othe afoꝛe the lord Chancellor of Englande, for the tyme beyng, after the tenour ensuyng.

¶ Ye shall sweare, that ye well and truly shall serue the kyng in the office of the maister of the kynges wardes, and shall minister equal iustice to rich and poore, to the best of your counnyng wytte and power, and that ye shall diligently procure all thynges, which may honestly and iustly be to the kynges aduantage and profit, and to the augmentation of the rightes & prerogatiues of his crown, & truly vse the kynges seale apointed to your office, and also endeouour your selfe to thuttermost of your power, to se the kynges truly and iustly answered pety of all suche rentes reuenues issues and profits, whiche shall or maye arise growe or be due to the kyng in your office, and from tyme to tyme deliuer with speede such as shall haue to do afoꝛe you. And that ye shall not take nor receyue of any persone any gyfte or reward in any case or matier dependyng befoꝛe you, or wherein the kynges highnes shall be partie: whereby any prejudice losse hinderance or dissencion shall grow or be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also the said atturney shall take a corporall othe befoꝛe the said maister of the

the wardes, accordyng to the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall swere, that ye well and truly shall serue the kyng as his atturney in all courtes for and concernyng any matter or cause that shall concerne or touche the possessions and hereditamentes limited to the suruey and gouernaunce of this courte, and procure the kynges profite therof. And that ye shall truly counsaile the kyng and the maister of this court, in all thynges concernyng the same, to the beste of poure comynge wytte and power. And with all speede and diligence, from tyme to tyme, at the calling of the saied maister, ye shall endeavour your selfe for the hearyng and determinacion indifferently of suche mattiers and causes as shall depende before the saied maister: And that ye shall not take any gyfte or rewarde in any mattier or cause depending in the same court or elles where, wherin the kyng shall be partee, whereby the kynges maiestee shall be hurted hindered or disherited: And further ye shall do to your powere wit and comynge all and euery thyng that shall appertayne to your offyce, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also the saied receiuer generall shall take a corporal othe before the saied maister of the saied court, accordyng to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng our soueraigne lord and his people in the offyce of the generall receiuer of this court. And ye shall resonably and honestly procure the kynges profite, and do right to all maner of people poore and riche in those thynges whiche touche your offyce, and the kynges receipt of his money: you shall truly kepe dispend pay and deliuer and true declaration and accounte therof shall make from tyme to tyme withoute any concelemente accordyng to this acte, made for the establisshement of this court: And further shall do euery thyng that of ryght appertayneth to your offyce, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also the saied auditours shall take a corporal othe before the saied maister after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall swere that ye truly shall serue the king in your office, a true allowance make to euery person, which shall be accountant before you, and you shall not take nor receiue of poore nor riche any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same court, but such as shall be ordinarie appertaynyng to your offyce, whereby the king shall be hurted hindered or disherited, and ye shall do all and euery thyng, whiche shall be appertaynyng to your offyce, so help you god and al sayntes.

Also all particuler auditours, that shall belonge and be appointed to the sayd court, shall take a like corporal othe before the saide maister of the wardes. Ye shall swere, as is before in the next article.

Also all particuler receiuours appoynted by the sayd maister, atturnay, receiuer generall, and auditours or thre or two of theym, whereof the maister to be one, to receiue any reuenues and profittes within the suruey of the same courte, shall take a corporal oth before the saide maister of the wardes after the tenor ensuyng. Ye shall swere, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your offyce, and nothing conceale, but true accomptes make of all such reuenues rentes sumes of money, a other profittes, wherewith ye shall be

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lawfully charged by reason of your office: ye shall make no petition or aske allowance but such as shall be good iuste true and resonable, and also truly content and paye to the kynge all suche summes of moneys as shall come to your handes: and ye shall do all and every thyng and thynges, whiche ye oughte to do by reason of your office accordyng to the fourme and effect of this act, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the saied clerkes of the counsel of the saied court and every of them, shall take a coꝝpoꝝall othe befoꝝe the saied maister, after the tenour ensuing. Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kynge in your offices of clerkes of the counsel of this court, and truly do and execute all and every thyng and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this act, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that all surueyours and feodaries, that shall be appointed by the saied maister attourney receiuour general, and auditours of the saied court or thye or two of them, wherof the maister to be one, shall take a coꝝpoꝝall othe befoꝝe the saied maister. Ye shall sweare, &c. ut in proximo articulo precedente.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritee afoꝝesaid, that all wardes, which the kinges highnes now is or heresafter shall be entiled to haue with their manors landes tenementes rentes remainders reuercions scrupces and all other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, as well in possession as in reuercion, & all reuenues issues and profits of the same, and every parte therof, foꝝe the tyme the same shall be or ought to be in the kinges possession, shall be in thoyder suruey and gouernance of the saied court and the ministers of the same, in maner and fourme as by this act is declared and limited.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtoritee afoꝝesaid, that the saied maister of the wardes, attourney, receiuour general, and auditours or thye of them, wherof the saied maister shall be one foꝝe the tyme beyng, shall haue auctoritee to make sale and graunt of the kinges wardes and of euerye of theym frome tyme to tyme, and of suche parte and poꝝcion of the landes in possession and reuercion or any of theim durynge the minoritye and none age of the same warde, that shall be so solde or graunted, and as long as the same landes or reuercion shall remayne or be in the kinges handes, as they shall thynke most conueniente: The same sale and graunt to passe by the kinges bill assigned, whiche byll assigned shall be warrant sufficient to the chancelloꝝ of Englande foꝝe the tyme beyng, to make fourth the kinges letters patentes vnder the great seale of Englande, accordyng to the tenour of the same byll, payng foꝝe the same all and singular lyke fees foꝝe seales and wrytynges, as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed to be payde foꝝe the same in the chancery, and to the signet and priuie seale, and to every of them.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtoritee afoꝝesaid, that the saied maister of the wardes foꝝe the tyme beyng, with thaduiſe of the saied attourney & receiuour general, or one of them, shall haue auctoritee, without the kinges bil assigned to make wodesales to the kinges vse of al vnderwodes vpon any of the kinges wardes landes, beyng lawfully in the kinges possession, & to take & ap-
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point timber for the necessary reparacions of al the castels manors landes tenementes and parkes of the sayd wardes, and shall haue also lyke power and auctoritee in the kynges name, to make leases durynge the minoritye of the sayde wardes: and further as is aboue wryten by their discrecions of al and singular lordships manors landes and tenementes remainynge in the kynges handes and possession, belonginge to the sayde wardes and euerye parcel therof: yelding to the kynges highnes his heires and successors such rentes, as by the sayde maister of the wardes attourney receiuous generall and auditours oꝝ thre of them, whereof the sayde maister to be one, shall be thought conuenient by their discrecions and suruey.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtoꝝitee aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wardes for the tyme beinge, shall haue auctoritee by this acte to make and appoint all and singular particuler recepuours feodaries and surueyours in euery shire, and also fees for the executynge of the same vnder the seale of the same office, in suche wyse as the same officers may be alwayes remouable at the discrecion of the sayd court.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtoꝝitee aforesayde, that the sayd maister of the wardes for the time beinge, shall haue auctoritee by this act, to make allowaunce lykewise of the costes of al commissioners particuler recepuours surueyours auditours counsayllours and feodaries and euery of them, by his byll assigned, whiche byll shall be warrant sufficient to the auditours belonging to the same office, to make due allowance of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by thaurtoꝝitee aforesayde, that the sayd maister of the wardes in all places, and the sayde attourney recepuour general and auditours, oꝝ two of them in the sayd court, the sayd master beinge absent shall haue power and auctoritee to take obligacions to the kynges vse of euery particuler recepuour, whiche shall be assigned for the sayd court, and of his suretees, for sure payment of his receiptes: And also to take obligacions to the kynges vse, aswell of euery fermour bailife reue oꝝ other accomptantes for the true paymente of their receiptes, and of euery person and persones, whiche shall be indetted to the kynges highnesse for any arrerages of his oꝝ their receiptes fermes oꝝ charges as of any other persone oꝝ persones for any other cause oꝝ matter concernynge þe premises determinable within the same court. And that all suche obligacions and wrytinges obligatoꝝie, of what summe so euer they be, shall be of the same strengthe vertue force qualitee and effect, to all intences and purposes, as wrytinges obligatoꝝie heretofore made by any laye person by auctoritee of the statute of the staple, bene oꝝ ought to be. And that vppon certificat hereafter to be made in to the kynges Chauncerye of any suche wrytynges obligatoꝝie, to be taken for suche paymentes, lyke proces and executions shall be ther vppon had and made agaynst any perso spirituall, and tempoꝝal as hath bene accustomed to be made agaynst any laye person, vppon certificat of wrytinges obligatoꝝie, of the sayd statute of the staple.

¶ Also that the sayde maister of the wardes for the tyme beinge, shall haue
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full power and auctoritee to awarde vnder the seale to be appointed to the saied courte, in the kynges name, suche p[ro]cesse and p[re]ceptes, with reasonable paynes to be therein lymitted, as be nowe commonlye v[er]sed in the courte of the kynges duchye chauncerye of Lancaster, beyng at Westmynster, agaynst euery persone o[re] persones what so euer they be, fo[r] and concernynge the intereste ryght and title of the kynges maiestee his heires and succellours of in o[re] fo[r] any wardes, landes, tenementes, rentes, accompte receypte seruices o[re] other cause in any wyse touchyng o[re] concernyng any thyng appointed to the o[re]der of the saied court, o[re] any part therof, fo[r] and on the behalfe of our saied soueraigne lord the kyng, o[re] of o[re] fo[r] any debte trespasyng o[re] growyng by occasion of the same.

Also be it enacted by th[a]uctoritee aforesaid, that the saied attourney receyuer generall and auditours, shall diligently from time to time attende vpon the said maister in the said court, fo[r] the hearyng and o[re]dering of matters and causes in the same courte, fo[r] the tyme of foure termes of the yere vsually kept fo[r] the lawe at Westmynster, and p[ro]cure with all diligence, that all rentes termes p[ro]fittes casualties improwmentes and other emolumentes of the wardes, mariages, doweries, and of all manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beyng in the suruey and gouernaunce of the saied courte, shall be trewely and iustely payde and answered to the saied receyuer generall of the saied courte, to the use of the kynges highnes, without concealyng any parte therof. And shall also cause and p[ro]cure p[ro]cesse to be made agaynst suche as shall be indebted to the kynges highnesse and their sureties, of o[re] fo[r] any parte thereof from time to time, as the time & case shall require without any delay.

And be it enacted by th[a]uctoritee aforesaid, that the said clerkes, particular receyuers, auditours, surueyors, messenger and husher and euery of them, shall vpon reasonable warnyng geue at all tymes and places from tyme to tyme attendance vpon the said maister fo[r] the tyme beyng, fo[r] the due execucion and expedicion of the p[re]misses without delaye, vpon such paynes as shall be assessed by the kynges maiestee, vpon information thereof geuen by the said maister to his highnes.

Also be it enacted by th[a]uctoritee aforesaid, that if any of the saied officers appointed fo[r] the same court, do conceale o[re] withd[ra]we willfully any rentes reuenues casualties o[re] other p[ro]fittes, fallynge growyng o[re] comynge to the kyng, by the mino[r]itee of any of his graces wardes, o[re] by reason of any other thyng apointed by this act of the said court: that then the officers so offendynge, shall lose to the kyng our saied soueraigne lord, the double value of the thyng so concealed o[re] withd[ra]wen.

Also be it enacted by th[a]uctoritee aforesaid, that the auditours general of the wardes landes & euery of them fo[r] the time being, shall haue auctoritee to examyn th[er] accomptes of al particular accountantes taken by any particular auditour o[re] auditours, vpon any part of the wardes landes doweries landes and of other thynges apointed by this act to the o[re]der of the said court, and to al-

solue and disallow all that shall be resonable within the saied accomptes, as largely as to the saied maister of the wardes atturney receiuor generall and auditours oꝝ.iii. of them, wherof the saied maister to be one, shall be thought expedient and necessarie. And that euery of the saied particular accomptantes foꝝ the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michell tharchangell yerely foꝝ euer, shall make and finishe his accompt, & certifye the same into the saied court, befoꝝe the first daie of february next after the same feast ensuyng, and within thye monethes next after the saied accomptante, to make ful paiement to the recepuor generall of the saied court, of all suche summes of money as shall appere to be due to the kyng by the same accompt.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied recepuor generall foꝝ the tyme beyng, shall haue auctoritee by this acte, to geue his acquitaunce of and foꝝ suche money and obligations as he shall receyue of theym to the kynges vse, foꝝ the wardes landes, ideottes landes, and other thynges appoynted to the saied court: And that his saied acquytance shall be from hencefoꝝe the sufficient acquytance and discharge, as well foꝝ the discharge of the parties against the kynges hyghnesse his heires and successors, foꝝ paiement of so muche money, as also to the auditour foꝝ the tyme beyng foꝝ makynge due allowaunce of the same.

¶ Also be it ordeyned by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied recepuor generall, befoꝝe the .xx. daie of Marche nexte after the feast of sainte Michell tharchangell shall yerely declare truely his hole accompte to the saied maister of the wardes, atturney, and to one oꝝ bothe of the saied auditours generall, of the wardes landes, whiche maister, atturney, and one oꝝ bothe of the said auditours, shall by this act haue auctoritee to take and determine the same accompt befoꝝe the laste daie of July nexte ensuyng, vpon whiche determinacion of accompte the saied recepuor generall, within one monethe nexte ensuyng the determinacion of the same accompt, shall truely contents and paie to the kynges vse, all suche summes of money as shall appere to be due to the kynges hyghnes and vnpaid vpon the same accompt. After whiche determinacion, the saied auditour shall engrosse the same in to parchement, and the same so engrossed shall retorne into the office of the wardes befoꝝe the last daie of february next after the determinacion of the same accompt, there to remaine as the kynges recoꝝdes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the particular auditours and other officers coscellours and ministers of the same courte foꝝ the tyme beyng, shall yerely perceyue and take by the handes of the saied recepuor generall, particular receiuours and all other officers and ministers accomptaunte, all and singular suche diettes rewardes pꝛofytes and commoditees, as well foꝝ their attendaunce vpon the saied maister foꝝ the tyme beyng, and foꝝ makynge of bookes declaracions and values, as foꝝ other matters councelles and causes, of foꝝ and concernynge the saied courte, and also foꝝ expences costes and charges of the said auditours and particular receiuours and euery of them, yerely rydynge their seuerall circuytes and limitacion, in
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as ample and large maner & forme, as to the said maister of the wardes, attorney, recepuour general, and auditours, or thre of them (wherof the said maister to be one) shalbe thought coueniēt to be appointed by their discretions. Also be it enacted by thaurtozitee aforesaid, that the said general recepuour from tyme to tyme vpon his accompt, shalbe allowed aswell of suche fees as shalbe limited vnto hym for the exercise of his offyce, as of and for al suche summes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patentees of any office, fee, or annitee, that shalbe granted or geuen vnder the seale of the said court: and also of all such money as he shall pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kynges warrant or byll assigned: And also of all suche summes of money as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any byll assigned or subscribed by the hand of the said maister for the tyme being, vpon such considerations as shalbe thought conuenient by his discretion, aswell for the finding & exhibicio of the kynges wardes in his graces custody, as of or for any other cause thynge or matter concernyng the said court of the wardes what so euer it shalbe. And that the said auditours takyng accomptes of the said receiuor general, and of any of the said particular receiuors, shal haue power and auctoritee to allow to the said receiuor general the p̄misses and euery parte of them. And also to allowe to euery particular receiuor, and other accōptantes aswel their fees wages & all other suche summes of money as they or any of them shall pay of for in and aboute any buildinges or reparacions of the wardes landes to be made vpon any warrant to bee directed from the said court, as all other honeste petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner as the said maister of the wardes attorney and auditours, or two of them, wherof the said maister to be one, shal thinke moſte expediente.

Also be it enacted by thaurtozitee aforesaid, that al maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges eschequer, to or agens any person or persons for any ferme rētes issues or profites concernyng the p̄misses or any part therof, or any other thynge limited in this act to be in the suruey order and gouernance of the said court and the ministers thereof, shalbe clerely void and of none effecte to all intentes and purposes.

Also be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the money and obligations taken for money by the said maister for the sale of the kynges wardes, and other thynge appointed by this acte to the order of the said court, and also the money and obligations taken for money by the said recepuour generall for the kynges tentes, and for wydowes fines for their licence to mary, and other casualties of the wardes landes, widowes landes, issues, profytes, and debtes, perely growynge to the kinges highnesse by reason of the p̄misses, shal be perely payed and deliuered to the handes of the Treasourer of the kynges chaumbre, for the tyme being or elles where, to whome it shall please the kynges highnesse, his heires or successors to geue auctoritee by commission vnder his great seale, to receyue the same. And that a byll subscribed with thand of the said tresorer, or
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other commissioner, shall be a sufficient acquittance and discharge to the maister and receuour upon all and euery paiement by them to be made, and also to the auditours there for the allowance of the same. And that the same maister and receuour generall, shall ones in the yere declare vnto the kynges maiestee the profyttes and estate of the saied offyce.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied maister and officers of the saied court, shall take suche and lyke fees for the seales & wrytynges to be made and graunted out of the saied court, at the suite of the parties, as they nowe vie to take, that is to saie: For the fees of all procelles at the suite of the parties vnder the pryue seale of the saied court. ii. s. vi. d. And for the fees of all commissions dyrected out at the suite of the parties, ii. s. vi. d. And for recoyding of all apparances. iiii. d. and no more.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied maister, by the aduise of the saied attourney receuour generall and auditours or thye of them, wherof the saied maister to be one of them, shall haue auctoritee by this acte, to suruey all the kynges widowes, and to treate common and conclude as well with all and euery of the kynges widowes that now be or that hereafter shall be, and that haue married them selues without the kynges licence, or that hereafter shall happen to mary them selues without the kynges licence, for the reasonable fynes to bee made to the kynges vse, and to take and assesse the same by the discretion, accoordinge to the statute of Prerogativa regis: the same fynes to be paid to the receuour generall of the wardes landes, as the same maie appere perely in his accompt.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied maister, by the aduise of the saied attourney receuour generall and auditours, or thye of them, shall haue auctoritee by this acte, to suruey gouerne and order all and singular ideottes and naturall foolles nowe beyng in the kynges handes or that hereafter shall come and be in the kynges handes: And also to suruey and order all the manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, what so euer nowe beyng in the kynges handes, or in the handes of any other person or persons to the use, or to the vse of any of them, that hereafter shall come and be in the kynges handes his heires and successours in the right of any of them, by reason of his graces prerogative to all: And also by the aduise of the saied attourney receuour generall and auditours, or thye or two of them, to lette and set the manours landes and tenementes to the kynges vse for the tyme of the kynges intereste, for suche tyme and fyne as by the discretion shall be thought conuenient: The fyndyng and keepyng of the saied persones, thei's wyfes and chyldren, and the reparacions of thei's houses & landes alwaie to be considered in the doyng therof, the same rentes and fines reserved to the kynges grace to be paid alwaie to the handes of the receuour generall of the wardes landes for the tyme being, as the same maie appere in his accompt, and be recoyded in the court of the wardes.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the maister of the kynges liueries shall passe no liuery with any person or persons that be or that haue

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bene o; hereafter shalbe the kynges wardes, vnto such time thei shall receiue knowlage from the court of the kynges wardes, what case thaccomptantes tenauntes & fermours of the wardes landes stand in with the kynges highnesse, and what suretie and order is taken therfoze, and so; the rates to the kynges vse. And that euery warde haupng his lpuery, shall within. vi. monethes next after the lpuery had, bypng the same lpuery, to the auditours of the wardes so; the tyme beynge, o; to one of them, to haue the same there enrolled so; the discharge of the landes agaynst the kynges highnesse, acco; dyng to the tenour of the saied lpuery, and shall paye so; the entollemente therof suche reasonable summe of money as shall be appoynted by the saied maister of the wardes: so that it excede not the summe of. x. s.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctozitee aforesaid, that all and euery person and persons, to whome the kynges highnesse shall graunte the custody and wardeship of any of his graces wardes, shall vpon his byll assigned therof, sue forth his patent within. iiii. monethes next after the assignement of the saied byll, o; elles the same byll and the effecte therof to be vterly void and of no force.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctozitee aforesaid, that the generall receiuour and chief auditours of the saied court so; the tyme beynge, shall perely perceiue & take as well by the handes of the general receiuor, as by the handes of all and singular particular receiuours, and all other officer and ministers accomptante within the suruey of the saied court so; the tyme beynge, all and singular such summes of money so; suche like diettes, rewardes, profits and commodities, as well so; they; attendaunce vpon the saied court, and so; makynge and wytyng of booke, declarations, and values, as so; other mattiers and causes of so; o; concernynge the saied court, and also so; they; expenses costes and charches of the same generall receiuour and auditours and euery of them, so; the tyme beynge, perely payynge they; seuerall circuitees and lympttes, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as shalbe apointed by the saied maister of the wardes and attourney of the saied court by they; discretions. And that the saied auditours so; the tyme beynge shall haue power and auctozitee perely from time to time to allow the same.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctozitee aforesaid, that as many accôptes of the kynges wardes landes, ideottes landes fynes so; mariages of widowes, and lycences so; the same, as ben clerely accompted and not retourned into the kynges eschequer, and also as many other accomptes of the wardes landes, ideottes landes, fines so; marieng of widowes, and licences so; the same, as ben not yet fully accompted and engrossed, shalbe engrossed and returned within thye yerres next commynge, into the office of the wardes, there to remaine, as the kynges recozdes. And that the kynges highnesse surueto; general of his graces landes, and auditours of his graces wardes landes, and euery of them, shalbe therof discharged agaynst the kynges maistery of and so; the recozne of the same accomptes into his graces eschequer. Any act statute o; ordynance heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not

not withstanding.

And it is further enacted and established by thauctoitee aforesayd, that the sayd maister of the wardes for the tyme beyng, shall haue auctoitee by this acte, with the adusse of the attournay & receiuer generall of the same court, or one of them, to calle at all tymes before them in to the offyce of the wardes by the processe of the same court, al and euery prisson and persons, which is or hath bene the kynges warde, intruding or enterpynge in to or bypon his or their landes, or bypon any parte therof, after his or their full age of. xxi. yeres, and before that he or they haue sued, and opteyned liuery, or ouster le maine for the same, oute of the kyngs handes, vnder his greatte seale, aswell to make answer for his or theyre intrusion bypon the kynges possession, as to make payment to the kynges receiuer generall of the same offyce, as all suche rentes issues and profytes by hym or them taken at any tyme, after his or their sayd ful age of. xxi. yeres, and before lyuery sued for the same out of the kynges handes in fourtne aforesayde.

And be it enacted by thauctoitee aforesayd, that if any persō or persons, called by the kynges processe of the same court to appere at xxliii. in the same court, within the terme at a certayne dape to hym prefixed in the processe to appere, and haue day geuen in court, to make answer to the matters against him objected in the same court, on the kynges behalfe, departe the court before answer made, & attourney put in to the court, with assente of the court for the prosecutyng the mattier with effect, shall forsaite to the kynges grace his heyres and successours, suche fyne as shal be set vpon him for his contempt and offence in that behalfe, as the sayd maister attournay & receiuer general or two of them shal thinke couenient by their discrecions to be leued of his landes & tenementes goodes & cattalles to the kynges ble.

And provided alway and be it enacted by thauctoitee aforesayde, that John Perin, whiche by the kynges letters patentes hathe bene heretofore and now is auditour of his graces wardes landes, shal continue and be one of the two auditours in this acte before mentioned durynge the terme of his naturall lyfe: Any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

In acte that the byshop of Norwiche shalbe charged with the collection
of the kynges tenth in his dioces. Cap. xliii.

VHERE IN the parlamente holden in the sixe and twenty yere of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is, amonges other it was ordeyned and enacted, that the kynges maiestye his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, for moze augmentacion & mayntenance of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme hed of the churche of Englande, shulde perely take haue enioy and receyue, vntied and knyt to his imperiall crowne for euer, one perely rente or pension amountyng to the value of the tenth part of al the reuenues rentes fermes tithes offeringes emolumentes, and of all other profites aswell called spirituall as temporal
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than appertaining or belonging, or that after that tyme shulde belonge to any archebyschop, bischop, che abbey monastary priory archdeacons, deaney hospitall colledge house collegiat prebende catherdral churche collegiate churche conventuall churche personage bycarage chauntery free chappell or other benefyce or promocioun spirituall, of what name nature or qualitee so ever they were within any dioces of this realme or in wales, The saied pencion or annuall rente to be yerely payd for ever to our said soverayn lord to his heires and successours kynges of this realme at the feast of the natiuitee of our lord god: and the first payment therof to begyn at the feast of the natiuitee of our lord god, whiche then shuld be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. and to be payd yerely by suche as shuld be appointed to haue the collection therof by the saied act, in suche maner and fourme as hereafter shuld be limited by the saied acte befoze the firste day of Aprill yerely nexte ensupnge after the saied feast of the natiuitee of our lord god: And that euery archbishop and byshop then being, and that thereafter shuld be charged and chargeable to leuie, collect and receyue within their proper dioces, aswell in places exempt as not exempt, all suche summes of money, where with the dignities benefices and other promociouns spirituall also named within theyr dioces chargeable by the saied act, shulde be sette taxed and charged towarde the paymēt of the saied yerely pencion, and shulde pay and content the saied summes of moneye yerely befoze the saied firste day of Aprill, to the tresorier of the kynges chamber for the tyme being or to any other person or persons, whome it shulde please the kynges highnes, to appoint to receiue the same: And that euery of the saied archbishops & bishops, their executors and administrators, and the possessions of their dignities and churches, shulde stande charged and chargeable for the sure paymente of suche summes of moneye, as they shulde collecte and receyue of the saied yerely rente and pencion as by the saied acte moze playnly it dothe appere. And by lyke act of parlyamēt holden in the. xxvii. yere of our said soueraine lordes reigne, the byshoppe of Norwiche that now is and his successours were clerely acquitted and discharged of and for the collection of the saied yerely tenth, that was then or shulde be due and leuiable to the kynges hie within his said dioces of Norwiche, of any person or psons or bodis politike or corporate, chargeable to the yerely paiement of the saied tenth, the act made for the same collection of tenth to the contrary not withstanding, as by the same acte it wyl also appere. But for as muche as the kynges highnes, in recompence of diuerse and sundry lordships and manours parcel of the said byshoppe geuen vnto his grace by act of parlyamente hathe vnyted and knyt to the see of the said byshoppe of Norwiche the monastery of saynte Benettes, with diuers other possessions being of a greater yerely valu then the saied lordships and manours so to his grace geuen were: It maye be by thauctories of this p̄sent parlyament ordeyned & enacted, that from hence forth the byshoppe of Norwiche, that now is, and his successours byshoppes there, and in the tyme of vacacion of the saied byshoppe, the

the deane and the chapiter of the cathedral church of Nozwyck, shal collecte & gather together the sayd annual rent or pension, of al the promotions spiritual within his sayd dioces, as well in places exempt, as not exempt: And al and singular such summes of money so by hym or the to be collected & gathered, to pay perely to the handes of the Tresourer of the first frutes and tenthes befoze the sayde firste daye of Apryll, and therof perely to accompt befoze the barones of the kinges eschequer, and to haue lybe allowaunce & discharge vpon the same accompt by the acquitaunce of the sayd Tresorer, as other bps and collectours of the sayde tenthes haue had or shal haue: the acte made in the sayd seuen and twenty yere of our sayd soueraine lordes regne to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

An act concerning the Castell of Douer castel wardes and other munitions thereabout. Cap. xlviii.

VHERE the castell of Douer whereof the kinges maiesty is very owner in the right of the imperial crown of this his realme, is not onely a very honozable strong & defensible fortress, set and standyng nexte vnto the sea on the east partes & frontours of this his realm, but also is so necessary a thing for the defence & sauegard of the same, that it may not in any wise be lacked or forborne. wherfoze the king our soueraine lord, hath hitherto to his great costes & charges repaired & sustained the same, & also continually kept & mainteineth therein a great number of all souldiers, there alway keeping watch & ward, furnished sufficiently with harnes artillery and other munitions of war for sauegard of this realin, toward & for the continuall sustentation of which said castell & furnitures of the same, our sayd souerayne lord & his most noble progenitours kinges of this realm, haue had time out of mind many sundry reuenues, & namely rentes comonly called castel wardes, due and to be paid by reason of the same castell, of and for diuers other castels manours lordships landes tenementes and hereditamentes holden of the kyng, and his sayd progenitours, that is to say, some of them holden of the constabulary of the same castell, & others holden seuerally of the honours of Creuecure, Hagenet fobert and other honours, being membes of the said castell of Douer, which sayd rentes, called castel wardes, ben at this present tyme muche decayed & diminished, by reasons & causes vnder written, that is to say, bycause the diuers of the manors landes, & tenementes which were holden of the said castell, be come to the possession of oure sayd soueraine lord in estates of inheritance, & others haue be given by his grace or his sayd progenitours to diuers their subiectes to be holden by other seruices, and diuers other be, & moze hereafter shalbe in the possession of the kinges maiesty, by reason of wardship, primer feoff, purchase, exchange, or other wise by gift of any estate of inheritance, wherby some of the said rentes called castel wardes, by the lawes of this realme, be & shalbe utterly extincted for euer, & many other of the same rentes by longe times shalbe suspended and not due to be payd: By occasion wherof the sayde castell and the officers & souldiers therof can not be nor shalbe sustayned, as heretofore honozably haue ben, onles that due

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expent remedy therfore be provided. In consideration wherof our sayd souerayne lord the kynge is contented and pleased, that it be ordeined and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that where the tenauntes and owners of þe castels manours landes and tenementes, which bene holden of the sayd castell of Dover, and lye in many shires of this realme, far distant from the same castell, bene bounden by their tenures therof, to pay & pelde at the same castell of Dover, the sayd rentes called castel wardes, at diverse and sundry dayes of the yere, to their great costes and charges, and bypon great penalitees & forfaitures, comonly, called in the sayde castell of Dover surtises: All and syngular those tenauntes, which nowe holde oꝝ hereafter shall holde any landes tenementes and hereditamentes by the sayd service, to pay the sayd rentes called castel wardes, shall pelde and paye the same rentes from and after the feast of saint Michael tharcrangel next comynge, to the kynge our souerayne lord, his heires and successours at the kynges courte of Eschequer yerely in the feast of saint Simō and Jude, oꝝ within xv. dayes next after that feast, and not at the sayd castell of Dover, noꝝ to the constable oꝝ other officer oꝝ minister of the same castell.

¶ And be it enacted, that if any tenaunte make defaulte of paymente of suche rent, contrary to the fourme of this act, then every tenaunte so makynge defaulte of payment, shall pelde and paye to our sayd souerayne lord the kynge, his heires and successours, for every suche his defaulte, the double of his rent, that is to say, twyse his rent then beinge due to be payde without any other surtise penalty oꝝ forfaiture for none payment thereof. And that every of the sayde tenauntes, which holde any of their landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes by the service, to make repayre and buyld any house oꝝ houses within the sayd castell shal do and perfourme the same accordynge to their sayde ducties and tenures.

¶ Provided alway & be it enacted by thaurtozitee aforesayd, that during all such time as any landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, holden of the sayde castell of Dover, by rent of castel warde, shall be in the handes oꝝ custody of our said souerayne lord the kynge, oꝝ of any of his heires oꝝ successours kynges of this realme, by reason of wardeship primer seison oꝝ other wyse that by and for al such tyme the same landes tenementes & hereditamentes, and every tenaunte and owner thereof, & the heires and successours and assignes of every of them, shalbe discharged of the said rent called castel ward, against the kynge and his said heires and successours for ever, without any payment thereof, for any suche tyme, to be made oꝝ pelden at any tyme after the same landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes shalbe demystred sued oꝝ had out oꝝ from the kynges handes oꝝ possession.

¶ And bicause that the more redy & undelayed paymentes hereafter shalbe had and made to all officers ministers and souldiers of the sayde castell of Dover for the tyme being, without any defalcacio abridgement oꝝ restraint of any of their fees stipendes salaries oꝝ wages in any wyse to be made: Be it ordeined and enacted by thaurtozitee of this present parliament, that the constable

constable of the sayd castell of Dover, and every of his successors, beinge constable of the same castell, shall have as annexed united and appoynted to the same office from henceforth for ever, an annuall or yerely rente of one hundred and thye scoze poundes of lafulfull money, to be payde yerely to the same constable or his lafulfull deputy or assigne in the Citie of Canterbury at the dooze of the common hal there, called the court hal, of the kynges revenues of the augmentacions of his crowne, yerely growing and cominge within the county of Kent, by the handes of þ kynges general receiuor for the time being of the sayd revenues of that county, in the feastes of saint Michael tharchangel, the Nativitee of our lord god, The annuciacion of our lady saint Mary, and the Nativitee of saint John Baptist, or within thye daies next ensuyng every of the same feastes, by even porcions yerely to be payd.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if the kynges said geueal recepuour for þ tyme beinge, doo not fully pay to the constable or his lafulfull deputy or assigne, the sayd annual rent of one hundred and thye scoze pouñdes, according to the tenour of this acte befoze written, excepte therof and to be reteyned by the sayd recepuour onely eyght pence for the makynge of his acquaintance of every of his paymentes: Then the same recepuour shall forsaite and lose to the sayd constable for the tyme being, for every such defaulte of paymente therof so to be made at any tyme or place of payment thereof befoze limited, fyue poundes of lafulfull money: for which penaltee and al arrerages of the sayd annual rent, the sayd constable shall have his remedy by action of debt, Scire facias to be groundeð vppon this act or any other lafulfull remedy to be pursued agaynst the sayd recepuour for the tyme being in any competēt court of the kynges lawes. In whiche sute none elsoyn protection or wager of lawe shall lye or be allowed.

¶ And where our said soueraine lord the king by his exceeding great costes and charges hath lately made a buyldeð nye vnto the seas, diuerse Castels Blokehouses, Bulwarkes, and other houses and places of great defence within the limites of the fyue portes, & their membyres, or betwene the same, in the shires of Kent and Sussex, for the sauegarde and surety of this his realme, and subiectes of the same, our said soueraine lord the king willing the same newe made castelles, Blokehouses, Bulwarkes, and other defensible houses and places, to be well surely and safely kepte and fulfilled with suche, and as many officers ministers souldiours gonners and other persons, as his maiestie hath ordeyned and establisshed, and hereafter shall ordeyne and establishe to be and remayn at and in every or any of them: And that every of the same persones shall dailly and nyghtly, and from tyme to tyme continually do his office and duety in and at the same, withoute any extorcion oppression or other iniury offence or misbehauour, by them or any of theym to be done or committed by sea or by lande, to or vppon any what soo euer person or persons, or to or vppon any of theym, shippes botes goodes or cattalles, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that the wardeyn of the sayd fyue portes, and constable of the sayd castel of

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Dover,

Douer, whiche now is and commonly heretofore hath bene one person, & euery of his successours, being warden of the sayde portes, and his lieutenant for the tyme being, or eyther of them, shall haue full power and auctoritee by vertue of this act, to suruey, viewe, and comptroll, as often as by his discrecion, he shall thinke necessary or expedient, all and synghuler captaynes keepers and other hed officers of euery of the sayde newe castelles, Blockehouses, Bulwarkes and other defensible houses and places, and al souldiers gonners and other ministers and persones of any of them, and all the artillaries stoies and munycions of war in any of them being, and by his discrecion aswell shall examine euery of the sayd captaynes keepers officers souldiers gonners mynysters and persones by their othes vppon a booke or otherwise aswell of suche offences crymes misorders omissions and defaultes as shall be thought by hym necessary to be enserched tried or knowe, as also of all excesses wastes imbellinges miskeappnynges and misbyspuge of the sayde artilleries stoies and munycions, and shall commaunde and enioyne them and euery of them by his discrecion to make refozmacion and redresse therin, as by his discrecion shall be considered to stand with reasons & equitee. And if the importancy or vrgency of the cause or matier shall so requier, the sayd constable shall make relacion and notificacion therof to the kynges maiestee, or to his honorable counsell.

¶ And also be it enacted, that if any of the sayde captaynes keepers officers souldiers gonners ministers or other persons of any of the sayd newe castels, Blockehouses, Bulwarkes, or other defensible houses or places, in any wyse resist contemne disobey or otherwyse offende againste the sayd warden of the said fiue portes for the tyme being, in any of the premisses: Then it shall be leaful to the sayd warden to commytte euery suche offendoure to warde in to the sayde castell of Douer, or elles where in the sayde portes or theryn membris, there to remayne by the discrecion of the said warden. And if any suche person so ones punished, shall eftsones offend in any of the premisses againste the said warden, Then euery such offendour shall therfoze forfeite and lose at the kynges pleasure his sayd office come and seruice, and shall further be punished at the pleasure of our sayde souerayn lord the kyng.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted, that the sayde generall receyuoure, make kepe and retayne in his handes so muche of the kynges reuenues, as shall amount for satisfaction of the sayde petely rent to be payde as is afore sayd: And shall also aswell be discharged and allowed for the payment thereof, as of and for suche costes and expences as he shall sustayne by occasion of the same, as by the discrecion of the Chauncelloure and mynisters of the sayd court of Augmentacion shall be thought reasonable vppon thacounte of the sayde generall receyuoure.

JOAN ACTE CONCERNYNG THE

KYNGES MOST GRACIOVS GENERAL
AND FREE PARDON.

THE KYNGES MOSTE ROYALL maiestie prudently considering. that all be it his highnes of his moste excellent pittie benygntee and mercy, manifolde tymes heretofore mercifully and lyberally hath graunted his moste free and generall pardon, to all and singular his subiectes, by the which his maiestie hath remytted and released innumerable and inestimable substance and profittes, whiche he moughte haue lausfully taken and had by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustyng by his often remission pardon and mercy mynystred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vyce to vertue, and that they wolde put their dyligent deuours to amende and reforme theyr abuses: Yet neuerthelesse his lounge and obediante subiectes sythens his laste moste graciouse and lyberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalyties losses forfaitures and domages, wherof none or fewe of them, are able to make full recompence or condygne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiestie shoulde procede against them by due counse of his lawes: trustyng that now from henceforth they wyl efflones amende and beware the incurrng of the foresaid daungers and perilles, sepyng they haue had so many admonicions and gentyll warnynges, and perceiuyng also the great zeale and affection whiche his lounge subiectes beare vnto hym, and his dignitee royall, as by many wayes in this presente parlyamente they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trustyng as afoze, the kynges highnes to shewe vnto his lounge subiectes that he bothe can and wyl consider whan he is bothe kyndely and lounge handled of them vpon his mere motion, and declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his nobylitee and subiectes, accor dyng to his accustomed goodnesse, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pittie, mercy, and benygntee to all and singular his subiectes of this his Realme of Englande, Wales, the Isles of Iernesey and Gernesey, Barwyke, and Calays, and the marches of the same, by waye of his free pardon and remission as hereafter foloweth, rather couetyng their amendementes by gentyll and mercifull meanes, than to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for that his said free pardon to be hadde taken and enioyed to and by theym and euery of them by vertue of this present acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to say, that all and euery of his said subiectes, as wel spirituall as temporall, of this his realme of Englande Wales the said Isles of Iernesey and Gernesey, Barwyke, and Calays, and the marches of the same, the heyres successours

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executours and admyynstratours of them, and of euery of them, and all and singular bodys in any maner of wise corpozate, cityes boroughes shires ridynges hundreides lathes rapes wapentakes townes byllages and tythynge, and euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shall be by auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, acquitted, pardoned released and discharged against the kynges highnes, his heires, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of all maner heresies, treasons felonies robberies offences contemptes trespasses wronges deceptes mysdemeanors forsaitures penalties and pofites summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corpozall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgements and executions, in this presente acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyssed: whiche maye be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meane pardoned before and vnto the fyrste daye of Iulye, in the. xxxii. yere of his mooste gracious reigne, to euery or any of his saied subiectes bodys corpozate cyties boroughes shires ryddynges hundreides lathes rapes wapentakes townes villages and tythynge or any of them.

¶ And also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that his saied free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, to euery of his saied subiectes, bodys corpozate, and other before reherfed, and to euery of them, by the saied general wordes before reherfed, in and agaynst all thynges, whiche be not hereafter in this presente act excepted, as the same pardon shuld haue ben if al offences, contemptes, forsaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgements, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had been particularly, singularly, specially, and playnly named reherfed and specified, and also pardoned by propre and expresse wordes and names in their kyndes natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite to haue ben put in and expessed in this presente act of free pardon. And that his saied subiectes nor any of them, nor the heires executoys or administratoys, of any of them, nor any of the saied bodys corpozate, and others before named or any of them, be nor shall be sewed vexed or inquieted in their bodys goodes landes or cattails, for any maner matter cause contempt mysdemeanor forsaiture trespass offence, or any other thyng suffered done or committed before the saied fyrste daye of Iulye, agaynst his highnes, his crown dignitee prerogatiue law or statutes, but onely for such matters causes and offenses, as be playnely reherfed in the exceptions in this presente acte hereafter mencyned, and for none other, any statute or statutes lawes customes vses or pcedente heretofore had made or vled to the contrarye in any wise nor withstanding.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bountious lyberalitee by auctoritee of this presente parlyamente graunteth and freely geueth to euery of his saied subiectes, and to euery of the saied bodys corpozate, and other before reherfed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes cattalles debtes fines issues pofits

littes amerciamentes forsaiteurs and summes of money by any of them forsayted, which to his highnes do oꝛ shuld belonge oꝛ appertayne, by reason of any offence contempt trespass misdemeanoꝛ matter cause oꝛ quartell, suffered done oꝛ committed by them oꝛ any of them befoꝛe the saied first daye of July, which be not hereafter playnly forsayted and excepted in this present act, and all and euery the kynges said subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and other befoꝛe reherfed, made by hym oꝛ them self, oꝛ his oꝛ their deputer oꝛ deputies, oꝛ by his oꝛ their attourney oꝛ attourneyes, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present acte of free pardon foꝛ his oꝛ their discharge, of and foꝛ euery thyng that is by vertue of this present act pardoned discharged geuen oꝛ graunted, without any fee oꝛ other thyng in any wyse paynge to any person oꝛ persons, foꝛ writyng oꝛ entree of the iudgement, oꝛ other cause concernyng suche plea writyng oꝛ entree, but onely. xii. d. to be payde to the officer oꝛ clerke, that shal entree the plea matter oꝛ iudgement foꝛ the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute oꝛ vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND FURTHERMORE the kynges highnesse is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritee of this present parlyament, that his saied free pardon, by the generall wordes befoꝛe reherfed, shal be reputed demed and adiudged allowed and taken in all maner courtes, of his selfe where, as wel in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forsaytes specified in this present acte, as in all and singular other clauses wordes & sentences, mencioned and reherfed in the saied free pardon, moſte beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his said subiectes bodies corporat, and others befoꝛe reherfed, and to euery of them, and moſte strongly in bar and discharge agaynst his highnes his heires successours and executours in euery thyng, without any obstacle ambiguitie chalenge oꝛ other delay, what so euer it shalbe, to be made pleaded objected oꝛ alledged by the king our soueraygne lord, his heires, successours, oꝛ executours oꝛ by his oꝛ any of their generall attourney oꝛ attourneyes, oꝛ by any person oꝛ persons foꝛ his highnes, oꝛ any of his heires successours oꝛ executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that if any officer oꝛ clerke of any of his highnesse courtes, commonly called the kynges Benche, Chauncery, and Common place, oꝛ of his Exchequer, oꝛ any other officer oꝛ clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the fyfthe day of August nexte commynge, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord God a thousande fyue hundredeth and fourtye, make out oꝛ wyte out any maner writtes oꝛ other processees oꝛ any extretes sommons oꝛ other preceptes, wherby any of the saied subiectes, oꝛ any of the said bodies corporat oꝛ other befoꝛe reherfed, oꝛ any of them, shalbe in any wise arreſted attached distrained sommoned, oꝛ otherwise vexed inquieted oꝛ greued in his oꝛ their bodies landes tenementes goodes oꝛ catelles, oꝛ in any of them, foꝛ oꝛ because of any maner thyng pardoned oꝛ discharged by vertue of this acte

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of free pardon: He so offendynge, and therof lausfully condemned, shal payde and pay for recompense therof to the party so greued or offended, triple damages, accompted as parcelles of these damages, al costes of the suite, and neuerthelesse all and singular suche wryttes proces extreates and preceptes, so to be made, for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged, by this present act of free pardon, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte.

EXCEPTED alwayes and forpyssed out of this generall and free pardon all and all maner of heresies and erronious opinions, touchynge or concernynge plainly directly and onely the moste holy and blessed sacrament of the Altar, and all maner suche highe treasons done or committed by any person or persons, by any ouert dede wrytynge or pryncynge onely against the kynges moste copall person, and all fettes punishmentes execucious forfaytures and penalties, for or by reason or occasyon of any of theym, all prepenesed and voluntarie murders, all robberies of churches all rasynge of recozdes, and all brelagaryes, promulged or hadde vpon or agaynst any persone or persones, of and for any of the causes aboue sated, excepted. And also excepte all tytles and actions of *Quare impedit*, all caupmentes and withholdinges of the kynges wardes, wardes landes, at any time growen to the kynges handes, and not yet discharged, all waistes of the kynges woodes, all concelementes of customes and subsidies, all enclosures and decapies of houses of husbandry, made done committed or permitted contrary to the fourme and effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also al issues profites amercciamentes fines and other penalties whiche now be due or after shal be due growe or be forfayted for any suche enclosure or decapies. And all intrusions had made or done sythe the first day of Marche last passed, and all and singular debtes other than debtes growen vpon reconisaunces beyng already forfayted for suretye of the peace, good aberynge, or for none apparaunce at any daye or place. And excepted and forpyssed out of this pardon all accomptes and all actions suites and impetitions for the same, and all arerages of accomptes and debtes due for the same, and all homages and reliefes rentes sergices and arerages of the same, not done or not paid, and all debtes, whiche were due to the most noble kyng of famous memozy kyng *HENRY the .viii.* or to any person or persons to his vse by any condemnation reconisaunce obligacion or otherwyle, and all and singular these forfaytures beyng due to our souerayne lord kyng *HENRY the .viii.*, by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted in to the nature of debte by iudgement or by agreement of the offender, and all forfaytures and other penalties and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or act committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seassoure is made, or any informacion is geuen in the kynges Eschequer, or any suite there commensed, or wherof the kynges highnes by his byll spgned or otherwyle heretofore hath made any greeit or assignement to any of his seruantes. And also excepted all issues forfay-

ted, fynes, amerciamentes assayed taxed set extreated or iudged severallye, or particularly, extendinge to the summe of .C.s. or above: And that all and singular other fynes, as well fynes, Pro licentia concordandi, as other and all other issues and amerciamentes as well reall as other, whiche severallye or particularly extende not to the same summe of a hundred shyllings, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Sheriffe or notte taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debte or not into debte, and notte beinge leuied nor recpyed by any Sheriffe or Sheriffes, baylye, ministers, or other officers shall be fullye clerely and playnly pardoned and discharged agaynst the kynge our soueraygne lord his heires and successors for ever by this present act of free pardon.

AND BE IT further enacted by auctorite aforesayed, that in case it be objected to or agaynst any Sheriffe or Sheriffes, or other accomptauntes, in the kynges court of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any Sheriffe or Sheriffes or other officers accomptaunt, hath receyved or taken any such fines issues or amerciamentes by this present act pardoned and acquitted, that than every suche Sheriffe and Sheriffes, and other accomptauntes, shalbe discharged, released pardoned, and acquitted therof by his or theyr or the without any further trespall in that behalfe.

PROVIDED alwaye that this presente Acte of free pardon, nor any thinge therein conteyned, in any wyse extende to discharge remyt or acquyte any person or persones for any suche issues fynes or amerciamentes of one hundred shyllinges or vnder, as any Sheriffe heretofore hath accomted before the Barones of the kynges Eschequer or else where, and payd the same issues fines and amerciamentes, vppon his or theyr sayed accompt determined to the kynges vse, and haue his or theyr Quietus est for the same.

PROVIDED alwaye, and be it enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that all and every prson and persons, whiche haue tended or ought sue lpuery out of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges handes, of any manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, what so ever they be, shall sue his or theyr lpuery and lpueries out of our sayd souerayn lord the kynges handes, of his or theyr manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, any article acte or actes thinge or thinges in this present act of generall and free pardon compysed and specified to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alway that this acte of generall and free pardon, or any thinge therein conteyned, extende not to Thomas Crumbwell ctle of Essex, Margaret countesse of Salisbury, Arthour lord Lysle, Honor lady Lysle his wyfe, Leonard lord Stape, Walter lord Hungerford, Rycharde bishop of Chichester, Edward Courtney sonne to the late Marques of Excester, Henry Poole son to the lord Mountagewe, Nicolas Wilson prieste, William Wyde byear of Bysford, Giles Heron, Margaret Cyprell wyfe of William Cyprell, Rycharde fetherston, Thomas Abell, Edward Dowel priest, Laurence Cooke late prior of Lancaster, William Hozne late

lay brother of Charchuse, Christopher Top, Clement Phylpot, Iohn Wool-
lar, Edward Corbet now prisoner, Iohn Browne his seruante, Edmonde
Bundholme prieste, Thomas Ciche, Wyllyam Steuens, Wyllyam Haby-
kyns late of Calays, Robert Barnes priest, Thomas Garrard prieste per-
son of Hony lane, Wyllyam Jerome prieste, Rycharde Manchester prieste,
Wyllyam Hooze harper, Darby Synnyng, Edmonde Sexton, Charles
Carowe, Anthony Bougegood, Adam Damply, Henry Goderike persons
of Hothfielde in Kent, noz to any person noz persons, which heretofore haue
ben attainted by auctoritee of parliament, oꝛ by iudgement at the common
lawe of any maner of highe treason. And also excepte and forgyfied all and
euery suche persone and persons, as haue bene heretofore excepted and for-
gyfied by name oꝛ names in any generall pardon, oꝛ in any other pardon gi-
uen oꝛ graunted by our saied soueraigne lord the kynge. And all suche per-
son and persons whiche haue heretofore fledde for theyꝝ offences of treason
out of this realme of England and other the kinges dominions of the same
And also excepted out of this free pardon Iohn Synden.

Provided alwaie, that all maner of treasons committed oꝛ done by
any person oꝛ persons, in the parties of beyond the sea, oꝛ in any other place
out of the kynes dominions, be and shalbe by auctoritee also saied excep-
ted and forgyfied out of this general and free pardon. And also except out of
the said pardon these heresyes and erronious oppinions hereafter ensuing,
that is to saie: That infanten ought not to be baptised, and if they be bap-
tised they ought to be rebaptised, whan they come to lawfull age. That it is
not lefull for a chrysten manne to beare office oꝛ rule in the common wealth.
That no mans lawes ought to be obeyd. That it is not lefull for a chrysten
ma to take an othe before any iudge. That Christ toke no bodily substance
of our blessed lady. That synners after baptisme can not be restored by re-
pentance. That euery maner of deathe with the tyme and howze therof is
soo certainly prescribed appoynted and determined to euery man of God,
that neyther any prince by his sword can alter it, ne any ma by his own wil-
lfullnesse pꝛeuent oꝛ chaunge it. That all thinges be common and nothyng
seuerall. Excepte also and forgyfied out of his generall pardone Giegorre
Buttolphe priest, and Rycharde Farmour of Elton in the county of North-
hampton, and Robert Jewet late keeper of Newgate.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

LONDINI ex aedibus Thomæ Bertheleti

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endum solum.

